

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Requiem Observance Sunday January 1, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist  
Beth Feder, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

\*Prelude "Before the Manger" Wilson  
\*Processional Hymn No. 123 "As with gladness men of old"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Eternal Father, teach us in the days of this year to discover the preciousness of time. Keep us from squandering our hours in senseless thought and useless activities. Help us through good books, clean conversation, and creative action to so number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom, and a life devoted to thy reconciling ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Luke 2: 21-40  
Hymn No. 418 "For all the saints who from their labors rest"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "Christ My Lord My Hearts Delight" Bach  
Requiem Observance: Dessie L. Dougan, Dr. Homer W. Filson, Wilfred Sykes (Friend), Marie Daubenspeck, Orrin Holmes Campbell, Leo S. Baldauf, Grace M. Charlton, Wallace A. Sedoris (Friend), Virginia M. Beatty, Gertrude A. Davis, Margarette Ort Shakely, Guy E. Wiles, Ada M. McKeever (Friend)

Anthem: "Once in Royal David's City" Gounlett  
Nancy Link, Karen Kennedy, Dale and Lloyd Link  
Sermon: "UNSTABLE"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 126 "Thou didst leave Thy throne"  
Postlude: "March of the Three Kings" Landon  
Benediction

----- \*Congregation Standing U-----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fiesger in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Allen Botacchi, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer and Charles Penar.

Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will be at the door this morning to greet the Congregation and Friends.  
Nursery will be provided today by Barb Snow and Patty McWilliams.

The attendance last Sunday was 144  
Please do not use any old envelopes this week. Throw them away and use your new envelopes. Each year your number changes so please use 1978 envelopes.  
Anyone still using the Building Fund side of the envelopes, please don't. You have been sent "Program of Progress" envelopes, and there are additional ones in the pews. This Bldg. Fund money is taken care of by someone different than the Treasurer for Current expenses.

Last Sunday a "Program of Progress" envelope was in with no name on it. It was for \$5.00 and you cannot be given credit if you do not have a name on the envelope. If it was yours please let Lois Wogan or Bea know now.

Monday - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Meeting

Wed. - 7:30 - Church Council Meeting

Thursday - The Newsletter will be published - please have all material in by Wednesday.

I counted dollars while God counted crosses;  
I counted gains while He counted losses!  
I counted my worth, by the things gained in store;  
But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.  
I coveted honors and sought for degrees;  
He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.  
And I never knew 'til one day at a grave,  
How vain are these things that we spend life to save!

"UnStable"

Text: Lk 2:39; Scripture: Lk 2:21-40

(Illus little girl pray:sorry notty 2day,U underst  
Bcuz U little 1nce)

germ thruth,& G no stay chil but gru & 2oft peop  
of 2B Xpian hav Xp/child mentality=Js in Stable  
Pc x=UN,stop action,remov,releas=Burden/unburden  
Uncola etc;& we need 2 UnStable Js

Scrip sho this,this morn & 2 defin things

vs 21=8 day circum in hom,no pr or synagogue

9th AD transfer 2 Syn,& 19th AD home,hospital

4 Js fulfil Jew Law & sho human=Lev 12:3

vss 22-23=Mary prific & Lev 12:1-5=40 Son,80 dotter

Expl 12:6=lam & pigeon wealthy offer & substitute

vs 8=offer of Poor & Js cum poor folk

All this dun 2 sho Js 1 them & He sed,I cum 2 fulfil  
law & not destroy it

Second part scrip=old man,old woman

Simeon perhap son Hillel,presdent Sanhedrin 13AD,

& Gamaliel,P tutor his son

But inspir H Sp 2 no die until C Messiah & vs 26=29

KURIOS KRISTOS=L's Xp, or L's Anointed

Vss 30-32=Js as Salv prep by G

vs 32=2fold,Gents now(Jew reject),2nd coming & Jews

Vss 33-35=Mary tol thing no underst until crucifixion

vs 36-38=Anna,old lady & speak redempt thru Xp

Vs 39=All dun fulfil Law=Circum,~~purif~~ purif,dedicate

All this Bgin Js public minis & not birth,

Stable 4gotten,& we need 2 UnStable Js 4 worl 2 C

Easier 2 liv past,than present Bcuz we kno it,no eff

present & futur diffi face,many unknowns

(IllusRoman god Janus=2 heads,4ward,back)

we need look bak but only 2 kno,underst wat G dun 4

us & 2 resolv 2 seek Him mor day,wks ahed

But need look ahed confid G lead,direct wil 4 us

& in us if we let Him

(Illus boy sad face beagle,happy ending tail)

no matter wat circumstanc we hav happy end if Js Xp

central part theme that event but in ord 2 do this,

we need get Him UnStabled & out in2 world

4 thoz truly kno Him,ea day,ea yr fill things make

lif worthwhil

(Illus old man,yng boy & lif comp 2 calendar months)

tru,but only if lik P can say,I KNO WHOM I HAV BLEEV

& I AM PERSUAD THAT HE IS ABL 2 KEEP THAT WHICH I HAV

COMMITED 2 HIM AGAINST THAT DAY.

2ward Js Xp no neutral either=stabl/unstab,in worl/ou

in hart/out,surender/war & grtest traged lif=hum prid

keep many mak compl surrend wherin compl victory

Let us resolv=mak this UnStab yr,yr XP cum out & liv

in harts,minds,livs

Let us ~~have Him~~ let Him hav full sway,families,homes,  
business lif,congregation

Then at end of this yr stand back,survey & C w  
committing all 2 Xp can accomplish & do

Let us step out in faith as perhap never dun

This challeng God wants us 2 accept



## "The UnStable"

Text: Luke 2: 39

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

A little girl was heard to pray, "I am sorry I was so naughty today. But I know that you understand, because you were a little kid once."

Now this may sound humorous to us but there is hidden within it a germ of truth. The little girl at least was acknowledging that God did not stay a small child, but grew up. Too often people, and some who profess to be Christians only have a Christ-child mentality. ~~For~~ By this I mean Jesus for them, never became a man and they have kept Him in that nice little stable they visualize He was born in, and He has never entered the world for them, other than through the birth narrative in Scripture.

In our English language we ~~use a prefix to certain~~ can add a prefix to certain nouns which stops the ~~action~~ regular action of that noun, or releases or removes it from the state expressed by that noun. For instance, a "Burden" is a heavy load, or weight. But if we speak of "Unburden," we are talking of releasing from a weight or load. In our society today we have come up with a tricky way of advertising for a certain type of soft drink. It is called UnCola and we are urged to ~~switch~~ switch to it and thus be released from the regular Cola's on the market. By the same token I believe that ~~xx~~ one of the most important things we need to do is to "UnStable" Jesus Christ. It is nice to remember His birth and all of the events leading up to it, but we can't let Him remain as that Baby in the Stable. Instead, we need to "UnStable" Him to coin a phrase.

We have all of the necessary ingredients for our lives to do so because God has provided them for us through His Word. We read this as our Scripture for this morning. From this scripture there are two very definite things about Jesus which God was pointing out. Let us look at this portion of Scripture again and see this message for us.

Read in verses 21 to 24 of a fulfillment of the Jewish law. Involved in this fulfillment are two separate elements. In the 21st verse this is spelled out. (Read vs 21). Eight days after the birth of Jesus, or any male child for that matter, the rite of circumcision took place. This was done in the home and in-



volved no priests, or the Synagogue. It wasn't until the 9th century AD that it was transferred to the Synagogue and then in the 19th century it reverted back to the home or the hospital.

Now the purpose of this in the life of Jesus was more than ~~ceremonial~~ a ritualistic following of the Mosaic code. This was a part of it to be sure. But for Jesus it meant the fulfillment of the human law. This was to show His humanity. We read of this ceremony to be followed in Leviticus 12:3.

But we also read as a part of our Scripture about Mary going through the ritual of purification, vs 22-23, (READ). This is also found in Leviticus 12:1-5.

~~xxxxxx~~ It took 40 days of purification for a son, and 80 days for a daughter. (Explain the Scripture of Leviticus on this).

So we understand then that the period of purification was over and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. She also brought with her ~~xxxxxx~~ an offering which the priest would offer on her behalf. We can see from Leviticus

16, that a lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon for a sin offering.

But since this was a somewhat expensive offering and many people could not afford it, the law set forth a substitute in vs 8. This was what Mary brought as her offerings because she was poor. In fact this offering was called, "The offering of the poor." This shows us once again that Jesus did not come from a family which was well to do, but instead, a family of hard working poor people. All of this took place fulfilling the requirements of the law so that Jesus would be recognized as being a part of ~~them~~ the Jewish ~~families~~ people. Had this not taken place He probably never would have had an opportunity to share anything with any of them and His mission would have been strictly to the gentiles who were considered by Jews to be outsiders and dogs. But because of all of this which was done, the circumcision on the 8th day, and the presentation of Him in the Temple 40 days after His birth, these things did much to cement relations among Jews. Jesus Himself said later, "I am come not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it."

But then we come to the second part of our Scripture which is just as meaningful. It is here that we read of a meeting between an old man, ~~and~~ an old woman, Mary Joseph, and the baby Jesus.

Simeon was the name of the man in the Temple. We do not know much about him. There is conjecture that he was the man who succeeded his father Hillel as president of the Sanhedrin in 13 AD, and this man's son was Gamaliel the Pharisee under whom Paul was tutored. But whatever the case, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit to look for the Messiah and that he would not die until he had seen Him. In vs 26 we read of this and it says, "Kurios Kristos," which means, "The Lord's Christ," or the Lord's Anointed.

So we read Vss 27-29. He was ready to die because he had witnessed what God had promised to him. Vss 30-32 picture Jesus as Salvation prepared by God, but ~~xxxx~~ also the Light for the Gentiles because the Jews rejected Him. He was acknowledged by them as their Saviour then, and up to this time. But He will be revealed to the people of Israel at a time yet to come. Here we see not only the First coming of Jesus Christ, but the promise of that Second coming as well. Then Simeon explains things to Mary which she was not aware of at that time, and perhaps never understood until the day of His crucifixion, vss 33-35.

But there was also an old woman who had a part in this revelation and we read of the elderly woman named Anna. Like Simeon, she spoke to them about the role Jesus was to play in the redemption of mankind. And so it is then that we read, "And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth." The child had been circumcised; He had been dedicated in the Temple; and Mary had been purified. The typical Jewish raising of this child now began and everything to make Him one of them had been performed.

For everything there is a beginning. For Jesus this was the beginning of His public ministry. The beginning did not take place at the stable in Bethlehem as much as it did at the Temple in Jerusalem. Not too many people recalled or were aware that God was doing something miraculous in Bethlehem. The tendency is to want to keep Jesus in the stable back there, but He was not remembered by the Jews for this. They spoke of Him as being from Nazareth and His family did all to place Him and themselves into what God wanted from them. They were no different by outward appearances than any other Jewish family. In this respect they



had set the stage for His public ministry at a later date. He was "UnStabled" for all the world to see. And ~~this~~ the tendency for all of us is to look back. It is easier, and more comfortable to live in the past than the present. We know the past, we understand it and it takes no effort to live there. But the ~~future~~ present and the future is more difficult to face, because we face many unknowns. January is named for the Roman god Janus, who had two heads, and two pairs of eyes. (Perhaps many people this morning feel like they have two heads because of the celebrations of last night.) But this god was able to look backward and forward. We need to look back, but only to understand and know what God has done for us, to give us new resolve to seek Him more strongly in the days and weeks ahead. But we need to look ahead confident that God will lead and direct and work His will for us and in us if we will let Him.

A little boy had a cute little beagle dog. He was petting it one day when his mother remarked that the dog had such ~~xx~~ a sad face. The little boy looked at the dog as the dog sat there with his sad face, wagging his tale and he said, "Yeah, he does have a sad face, but look Mommy," he said as he pointed to its tail, "He has a happy ending."

No matter how any circumstance may start for us, we know that it has a happy ending if Jesus Christ is the central part and theme of that event. But in order to do this we need to get Him "UnStabled" and out into the world. For those who truly know Him, each day, each year is filled with the things which make life worthwhile.

(Illustration of old man, young boy, and life compared to calendar of months.) After December a whole new year begins. How true. But that year only has purpose and meaning for those who can say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day." Towards Jesus Christ there can be no neutrality. He is either in the stable, or He is "UnStabled". He is either in the world or out of it. He is either in your heart or He is not. We either surrender to Him or we are at war with Him. The greatest tragedy of life for anyone is that human pride which keeps many from making that complete surrender, wherein is complete victory. Let us each resolve to make this an "UnStable" year. A year in which Christ comes out of that nice little stable we have created for Him in our

hearts and minds, and let ~~us~~ Him live in the world and in us as He should. Let  
let Him have full sway in our families, our homes, and in our congregation.  
Then let us at the end of this year ~~survey~~ stand back and survey and see  
what committing all to Christ can accomplish and do. Let us step out in faith  
as we have ~~never~~ perhaps never really done in our lives. This is the challenge  
I know God wants us to accept.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
First Sunday After Epiphany January 8, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Beth Feder, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" K. Morris  
\*Processional Hymn No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O thou God of holy love, we  
acknowledge that at the beginning of this year our lives  
do not stand before Thee as a book unwritten. Much that  
we shall do has been spelled out already, even before  
the year has begun. Inscribed deep within are old habits  
and familiar behavior patterns. We know that these in  
large part will write for us the history of this coming  
year. Cause us to be aware of thy forgiving grace,  
and when we have written a life page full of the errors  
of our misdeeds, help us to acknowledge ourselves for what  
we are, and to seek thy love; through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Matthew 2: 13-23  
Hymn No. 426 "For Thy mercy and Thy grace"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "In Bethlehem's Low Stable" Walcha  
Acolyte Presentation

Anthem: "Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling" Berlioz  
Sermon: "NIGHT FLIGHT"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 35 "Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing"  
Postlude: "Swiss Noel" Claude D'Aquin  
Benediction

----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
the Guy Armstrong Family in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Mont MacKinney, Herb Shearer and Steve Vargo.  
Deacon and Mrs. Steve Vargo will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Judy Snyder and  
Betty Carney.

The attendance last Sunday was 142

\*Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton  
\*Junior Choir will meet Wed. 6:30; Chancel Choir - 7:00  
We still have a few dates left in the beginning of  
this year for Altar Flowers. Jan. 22 and Feb. 5 is  
open. Please let Bea know if you would like to have  
either one.  
\*Today - 2:00 - The Schedule for the Year Book will be  
set up. All heads of Organizations or Representatives,  
All Elders and All Deacons are expected to be present.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship  
Tonight - 6:30 P.M. - Prayer Meeting (See Newsletter  
for details)  
\*Tuesday - 7:00 - Meeting to set up Committees for the  
Year Book. All Elders and Deacons should be present.  
Thursday - 7:00 - Bible Study in Undercroft.  
Friday - 9:00 - ARC Bowling Party at Bowl-away Lanes.  
(Jan. 13) - Call Ralph Link's, Paul Pfabe's or Joan  
Master for details.  
We need all reports for the Year Book this week - It  
will go into print the first of the week.  
PLEASE - PLEASE - READ YOUR STATEMENTS AND CALL BEA  
IF THERE ARE ANY MISTAKES. NOW IS THE TIME TO CORRECT  
THEM.  
The Congregational Dinner was set for Feb. 8 at 5:30.  
This will also be an important meeting as the UCC  
Concerns will be discussed.

"Night Flight"

Text: Mt 2:14b; Scrip: Mt 2:13-23

(Illus flite 2 Egyp & Pontius the pilot)

Theol & knowl event faulty, but story tell many thing  
Vs 13=Ang & Jos & tell go 2 Egyp Bcuz Herod

Vs 14=this aftermath Herod anger

Herod many face & dispositions

King 40BC - 4BC & only 1 bring order out disorder

He builder/Templ; genros=melt his gold corn 4 peop  
during famine 25BC

But 1 major flaw=suspicion & jealousy,  
insane obsess sum1 aftr thron kingship

drov him 2 murder wif, moth-in-law, 3 sons,

C. Augustus say=safr 2B pig Herod, than son

Retir 70, kno soon ded & prep for tears; arrest grou  
disting citiz trump charg & in2 prison & at deth  
they die & there tears & mourn & so C why Jos flee

(Illus Legend Spider & Holy Family)

This only story & mus accept that way

1 pt in Vs 14=Read; perhap mak lite & say Jos 1st  
pers 2 instit econ flite, NITE FLITE

May hav had Hertz rent A Camel waiting 4 him

But noth humorous connect this, it flite survival

Went 2 City ON=Heliopolis=Gr, Home another Jos & sav  
bros & father Jacob

Compar 2 Js & He sav peop of world

Egyp hard taskmast 2 Israel & now shelter Christ

" nevr far remov affair Isr & 2day maj rol lif

Point consid=NITE FLIE, dun under cov darknes & irony  
Js 2B lite Worl & short aft birth trav thru dark in  
ord "B abl fulfil mission of Lite 2 World

D/Lite=Gud/Evil, Gud trav 2 plac dark in ord surviv  
Jn say=IN HIM WAS LIF, & THAT LIF LITE MEN. & THE LITE  
SHINETH IN DARKNES & DARKNES COMPREHENDED IT NOT

Js from early lif pit agains darknes world

(Legend Dismas, thief meet Js twice)

Cud hav sum truth 2 it, & end nice & wud B grand if  
lif lik this

But U & I kno not so, Js born innocent & no pose  
thret 2 any1 arous anger, hatred in many peop harts

If Scrip no sho anythin els shud sho peop go 2 any  
length 2 get rid Xp

He has, had way bug peop espec if try liv without Him  
Deep peop hart He shin dark, evil & we cannot hide  
we can attemp NITE FLITE 2 escap, but He stil ther

(Illus girl & mother is Lite of World), she wrong, but  
rite 2 exten Lite World shud shin ea us. I remem lad  
sing=CUM 2 LITE TIS SHIN 4 THEE, SWEET LIT DAWN UPON ME  
1nce I was blind but now I can C, Lite of Worl is Js  
This wat shud B 2 all, Let us ope hart & los spir blin













ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Second Sunday After Epiphany January 15, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
David Knauer, Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Prelude & Fugue in G minor" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 30 "Come, we who love the Lord"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord, Our Father, we come to you as a people who are a part of the community of believers. We seek your guidance for we know that the Church cannot exist without it. Forgive each member of your Church for their individual and corporate sins. Keep us true to the commitment of upbuilding the Church throughout the world. Keep us from the divisions that separate us from others. And always keep us steadfast in your love, in Jesus name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Romans 12  
Hymn No. 188 "Holy Spirit, Truth divine"  
Highlights of St. Paul's Art Snyder  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering (Who's Who in the Pew)  
Offertory Trio" Rheinberger  
Anthem: "Give Me A Faith" Bitgood  
Sermon: "WAG"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 80 "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah"  
\*Stlude: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thees Bach  
Benediction

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Tait in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Robbie Vinroe, Brian Pfabe, Gordon Kennedy, Chris Pfabe, Bob Dellen.  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Barb Vargo, Marlene Riemer, and Robin Knauer.

The attendance last Sunday was 197.

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mrs. Marsha Forsberg. *LILLIAN KROGER*

> Monday - WBUT, Speak up Program - The Pastor will be speaking about Pro-life.

Wed. - 6:30 - Youth Choir

Wed. - 7:00 - Chancel Choir

Wed. - 7:00 - Bible Study with Rev. Link - Golden Circle

Thurs. - 11:15 - Mary Martha Circle will have annual Birthday celebration at Holiday Inn.

Next Sunday - 22 - Pro-life march from our Church and service to follow 2:30 P.M.

> Jan. 29 - 5:30 - Congregational Dinner and meeting on UCC Concerns. This meeting was set for Feb. 5, however, with Ash Wednesday being Feb. 8th it did not leave us enough time between to get Yearbooks ready to send out to the Congregation that did not pick them up on Jan. 29 during the Congregational Dinner.

Jeanne Snyder would like to thank the Congregation for their Prayers, Flowers and cards during her stay in the hospital.

Jan. 16 - Mon. - Basketball Junior Division - St. Paul's UCC vs. Meridian #1 at 8:30 P.M.

Jan. 19 - - Thurs. Senior Division - St. Paul's UCC vs. Salvation Army

Next Sunday during Church School - Election of Church School Officers.

> Mrs. Diane Hollefreund (Mrs. Thomas) will be the Chairman of the Nursery. If you are contacted please help her by accepting. The Nursery is for Pre-School Infants only. Those that are attending school should be sitting in the Congregation with their families. With the babies - there is too much of an age difference and only up to school age should be in Nursery.





Ellen Brown Harris

We need a church I will show if yield 2 1/2;  
(Ellen can in will, never cease about church and  
in? (church?)

We need 2 men that I will show 1/2. Will it be willing  
to 1/2 in per live

Book 2 1/2 (1/2)

Accept 1/2 will 2 show 2 up  
if 1/2 2 condition not,  
we guarantee

For this 1/2 quality 1/2 each of new life.

















ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Third Sunday After Epiphany January 22, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
David Knauer, Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Benedictus" Alec Rowley  
\*Processional Hymn No. 23 "Open now thy gates of beauty"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Loving Father, who gives completely of His love to us, forgive our selfishness. We aren't intentionally indifferent to others. It's just that we are so caught up in our own lives, our jobs, our families, we look at the world around us from down deep in our own little worlds. We do care, but we don't take the time or the trouble to respond in love to the needs around us. Strengthen us to assume the burden of caring. Enrich our lives so we can know the joy of others. Forgive us our short-sightedness so we can try again. In Jesus' name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture 1 Samuel 17:12-24  
Hymn No. 232 "'Mid all the traffic of the ways"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who In the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Prayer" Guilment  
hem: "And Can It Be?" Johnson  
Sermon: "POWER FAILURE"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 471 "More love to Thee, O Christ"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Young  
-----\*Congregation Standing-----  
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Serving as Ushers today are: \*Richard Mangel, Don Kingsley, Art Carney, Gary Penar, and John Dreher.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knauer will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Sandy Sheppeck, Marci Sheppeck and Lori Zavacky. HOME  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mrs. Lillian Kradel, Bob Tait, Mrs. Elsie Kornrumpf, Earl Wogan - BCMH. Mr. Louis Zubik - Passavant  
The attendance last Sunday was 161.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship  
Wed. - 6:30 - Youth Choir Practice  
Wed. - 7:00 - Chancel Choir  
Wed. - 7:00 - Golden Circle - Bible Study with Rev. Link (This was cancelled last week because of weather.  
Monday - Jan. 23 - Basketball - St. Paul's UCC vs. St. Marks - Junior Division.  
Thurs. - Basketball - St. Paul's UCC vs. Community Alliance - Senior Division.  
Next Sunday - Jan. 29 - Congregational Dinner at 5:30 P.M. The Yearbooks will be given out at this time. A special look at the UCC Concerns and a lot of good fellowship.  
Please put the Building Fund Money in the Green envelopes that is sent to your home each month.  
Please mark these "Program of Progress" with your name. Do not stick them in with your other envelopes. They go to another place than the rest of the offering. It is a big help if you do this so they don't have to get separated from a stack of envelopes that are stapled or scotch taped together.

Don't forget to save Jan. 29 - 5:30 (Next Sunday for the Congregational Dinner.





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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany January 29, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist  
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, - Youth Choir Director  
David Knauer, Karen Pfabe - Acolytes  
Mr. Paul Harbison - Liturgist

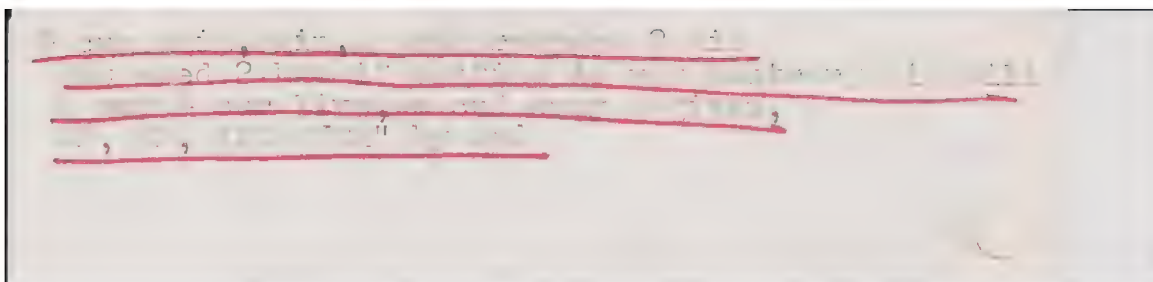
ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Prelude and Fugue in D minor: Bach  
"Jesus, Jesus" Call to Worship  
\*Processional Hymn No. 329 "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O God, you gave us a light for  
our lives, but too often we still are groping in the  
dark. Our lives should be a reflection of that Light,  
but instead we are casting shadows of doubt. Keep us  
from those things which tend to shake our faith. Help  
us to shine forth wherever we are to a world that badly  
needs the Light. Take from us all of our sin, cleanse  
us, and make us whole, through Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
\*Scripture Romans 1:18-32  
Hymn No. 323 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Statement of Faith)  
(in front of Hymnal)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
"Corporate Prayer"  
Who's Who In the Pew  
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Offertory "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"  
Anthem "I'm Gonna Sing" Spiritual Youth Choir  
Sermon: "UP, UP, AND OVER"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 322 "The Church's one Foundation"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude Morris  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. Homer M. Beatty in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Mike Nazaruk, Gottlob  
Kradel, Roy Andrews, James McClymonds.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Gloria Nagy,  
Diane Nagy and Patty McWilliams.  
Deacon and Mrs. Art Carney will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
The attendance last Sunday was 118.  
Tonight - 5:30 - Congregational Dinner and meeting.  
The Yearbooks will be given out.  
We need some men to help set up tables after the service  
today.  
Wednesday is Council Meeting - 7:30  
Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published - please  
have material in by Wednesday.  
Thurs. - 7:00 Bible Study.  
Next Sunday on WBUT from 9:00-9:15 Mike Nazaruk will  
have the Sunday School Lesson. Each Sunday following  
in February - someone else from our Church will have  
the Sunday School lesson.  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Beasie Hampton, Robert Tait,  
Earl Wogan, Millie Wachsmuth - BCMH; Mr. Louis Zubik -  
Passavant Hospital.  
Next Sunday - The Under Shepherds will be installed  
and they will deliver your Lenten Material as well  
as those year books that have not been picked up.  
Ash Wednesday will be Feb. 8, and at that time we will  
have Holy Communion at the Altar - 7:30 P.M.  
Mon. - 7:30 - St. Paul's vs. Meridian #2 (Jr.) Basketball  
Thurs. - 8:30 - St. Paul's vs. St. Marks (Sr.)  
Sat. - 1:00 - St. Paul's vs. Meridian #1 (Jr.)  
DON'T FORGET TONIGHT AT 5:30 P.M. - Bring Tureens  
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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 5, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard and Kelly Shakely - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Trumpet March" Darling  
\*Processional Hymn No. 299 "Lead on, O King eternal!"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Our Father, we confess before you that our lives are not what they should be. We do undesired sin, and we permit temptations to overcome us. But we know there is forgiveness with you when we do confess. So as we humbly seek forgiveness, we ask for new strength to lead a more Godly life, for we pray in the Master's name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon O - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture Exodus 34: 1-17  
Hymn No. 282 "Faith of our fathers!"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
\*\*\*\*\*Offertory "Minuet" Pelham  
Anthem: "How Great Thou Art" Chancel Choir and Lloyd Link  
Sermon: "PICK A CLOUD"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 292 "Onward, Christian soldiers"

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude: "Lord Loudoun's March"  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Robert, Cynthia and Jennifer Sybert in loving memory of "Grandparents"

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Allen Botacchi, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer, and Charles Penar.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Judy Vinroe, Kelly Shakely and Mary Dellen.  
Today - 2:00 P.M. - Infant Baptism  
There will also be Baptism next Sunday if you should want your child Baptised.

Tonight - 6:00-8:00 - Youth Fellowship  
Tonight - 6:30 - Prayer Meeting (Prayer and Sharing)  
Monday - There will be no Mary Prugh Circle Meeting this month.

Wed. - 7:30 - Holy Communion (Altar)

Thurs - 7:00 - Bible Study

Monday - 7:30 - St. Marks vs. St. Paul's UCC (Jr.)

Thurs. - 8:30 - St. Andrews vs. St. Paul's UCC (Sr.)

Saturday - 2:00 - Meridian #2 vs. St. Paul's UCC (Jr.)

Feb. 6 - Paul Campbell and Don Kingsley, Council

members will be visiting hospital this week.

Chet Stauffer on WBUT Sunday School of the Air

9:00 to 9:15 A.M. next Sunday.

Hospitalized: Bob Tait, Earl Wogan, Mrs. Hampton -

BCMH; Louis Zubik, Room 7626 St. Francis Hospital,

45th and Penn Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15201

Deacon and Mrs. Richard Mangel will greet the

Congregation and Friends at the door this morning.

The Under Shepherds can take their material for Lent before or after Church. Please have the material in the hands of the Congregation before Ash Wednesday. There were 159 here last Sunday in attendance.

Basketball News - The Jr. Team won on Monday and the Senior Team lost. The Basketball Games are all played at the Cubs Hall on S. McKean St. Tom Massart and Robert Davis are Coaches.

Next Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday.









The first of these is the fact that the "man" is not a single individual, but a group of individuals, each of whom is a "man" in his own right.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Ash Wednesday February 8, 1978

Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Kelly Shakely, Jeff Knauer - Acolytes

HOLY COMMUNION - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" Gordon Young  
Silent Meditation

\*Processional Hymn No. 290 "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Communion Service - Page 32

Exhortation - Confession - Absolution

Scripture: ACTS 13: 38-49

Offering

Offertory "When I Survey" Bunjis

Sermon: "Lights and Lighting"

Communion Solo: "Love Was When" Don Wyrzten

Karen Maloney - Soprano

\*Communion Service - Page 33

Eucharistic Prayer - Seraphic Hymn

Institution and Consecration of Elements

Agnus Dei

Holy Communion (Altar)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving - Doxology

\*Hymn of Dedication - God Be With You - (Page 24 - No. 43  
Favorite Old Hymns)

\*Benediction and Three fold Amen

\*Postlude "Into My Heart"

-----\*Congregation Standing-----

Please fill out a Communion card so that our Church's  
record will be accurate. If Visitors desire to  
receive credit at their Home Church, put the name and  
address of either your Pastor or your Church on the  
back of the card and it will be forwarded.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the  
joining the Church, let the Pastor know, or put a slip  
in the Offering Plate.

Elder and Mrs. Paul Campbell will greet the Congregation  
at the door this evening.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
First Sunday in Lent February 12, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard and Kelly Shakely - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Trust and Obey" arr. Thomson -  
Nancy Link, Clarinet  
\*Processional Hymn No. 31 "Father, again in Jesus' name"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
Call to Worship "I Bind my Heart" Chancel Choir  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Father Almighty, we know that  
we have gone into hiding, even though we have been made  
for thy glory. We have tried to keep away from thy  
presence. Forgive us and bring us ~~one~~ again to the  
place where we may see thee and sing praises to thy  
majesty; through Jesus Christ. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-15 Luke 18:31-34  
Hymn No. 9 Page 5, Old Favorite "There Shall be Showers  
of Blessings"  
Highlights of St. Paul's Howard Bolam  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat"  
Baptism of Infant - James Kenneth Shearer - son of  
Mr. & Mrs. James Shearer - born Oct. 12, 1977.  
Anthem: "The King of Love" Shelley - Rob & Cindy  
Sybert and the Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:

Page 2 - Makeup and Cosmetics"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 472 "What a friend we have in Jesus"  
Benediction and Response "Christ We Do all Adore Thee"  
Postlude: "Prayer" Morris  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Margaret McClymonds in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Mont MacKinney, Herb Shearer and Steve Vargo.  
The Ushers today will also serve as Ushers on Wednesday  
evening.  
The attendance last Sunday was 211. 125 people took  
communion on Ash Wednesday.  
Nursery will be provided today by Marlene Riemer, Dru  
Rensel and Robin Knauer.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knauer will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
➤ Following the Church Service this morning there will  
be a Building Planning Meeting - Don Kennedy.  
This is Boy Scout Sunday and we acknowledge all present  
and past scouts from St. Paul's.  
➤ Hospital: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mr. Earl Wogan, BCMH,  
Louis Zubik, St. Francis, Pg., - *4-4-78 FRF-H R.B.*  
Mr. George MacKinney - 383 - BCMH.  
Thurs. - Feb. 16 - 6:30 - The regular meeting of the  
Butler Area Laymen's Association will be held at St. Paul's  
Paul's United Church of Christ, Connoquenessing, Pa. *TAIT HERE*  
Election of Officers will be held at this meeting.  
Sat. - ARC Sweethear Dinner Dance - 7:00 - Saxenburg  
Fire Hall. Contact Chuck Penars or Wm. Pflugs now.  
Bob Tait would like to thank the Congregation for their  
prayers, get well cards and flowers during his stay  
in the hospital.  
➤ Alta Kradel would like to thank everyone for their *sympathy*  
sympathy cards during the recent death of her brother.  
13 - Basketball 6:30 - Meridian #1 vs. St. Paul's (Jr.) *4-1-78*  
16 - 7:30 - Salvation Army vs. St. Paul's (Senior)  
18 - 3:00 - St. Paul's vs. Community Alliance (Senior)  
➤ Bob Dellen on WBUT - Sunday School of the Air -  
8:45 to 9:00 A.M. next Sunday.  
Mike Nazaruk and Howdy Bolam will be visiting at the  
Hospital this week.



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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Evening Service February 15, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Lori Zavacky - Acolyte

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude "The King of Love" arr. Dykes  
\*Processional Hymn "Standing on the Promises"  
(vs. 1,2,4,5) Hymn No. 20 - Page 11 (Old Favorites)  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Invocation  
Scripture Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Matthew 27: 26-31

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Offertory "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" Willan

Evening Prayer and Choral Response

Solo: "I believe in a Hill called Mt. Calvary" Gaither  
sung by Cyndie Sybert

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:

Page 3 - Shipments and Deliveries"

\*Hymn No. 36 - Pg. 20 "In the Garden" (Old Favorites)

\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

\*Postlude "Savior, Again" Willan

-----\*Congregation Standing-----

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation  
at the door this evening.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the  
joining the Church -(new members will be received on  
Palm Sunday) - put a slip in the Offering Plate and  
let the Pastor know.









ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Second Sunday in Lent February 19, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Tim Fry and Lori Zavacky - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude "Andante" Rowley  
\*Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
Call to Worship "I Bind My Heart"  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Our Father, in this season of self-discipline, when we are giving thought to our discipleship, make us aware that being a disciple means to follow Jesus Christ as He seeks to be a servant of all. Thus we would remember: all our sins that keep us apart from you; all of the things we have omitted to do in our lives; all of the chances we have missed to help others and to seek them for your kingdom. For all of these things as well as others that may separate us from your love, we ask forgiveness in His name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise"  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: John 12: 37-43 (LHAME 77-54) (Old Favorites)  
Hymn No. 37 Page 20 "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Gardine" arr Wilson  
Chorus "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" Williams

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog  
Page 4 - Optical Aids"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 399 "Once to every man and nation"  
Benediction and Response "Christ, We do all Adore Thee"  
Postlude "March" Peeters  
- - - - - \*Congregation Standing - - - - -  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by J. Walter Harmon in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Robbie Vinroe, Brian Pfabe, Gordon Kennedy, Chris Pfabe and Bob Deilen.  
Deacon and Mrs. Rodney Rensel will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.  
The attendance last Sunday was 202; Wed. 99  
Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Betty Carney, Patty MacWilliams, Liz Armstrong.  
Tonight 6-8 - Youth Fellowship with Paul Harbison.  
Tonight - 7:00 - Centennial Committee meeting.  
Wed. - 7:30 - Lenten Service  
Wed. - 6:30 - Chancel Choir; After Service - Youth Choir  
Thurs. - 7:00 Bible Study  
Hospitalized: Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Kradel, Mr. Earl Wogan, Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Lloyd French, -BCMN  
Mr. Louis Zubik - St. Francis Hospital.  
Walter Harmon and Chuck Penar will be visiting the Hospital this week.  
Monday - 7:30 - St. Paul's MCC vs. St. Marks - Basketball (Junior Div.)  
Thursday - 8:30 - St. Marks vs. St. Paul's UCC - (Sr.)  
World Fellowship Day of Prayer - Friday - March 3, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Jefferson St. at 1:30 P.M. Speaker will be Rev. Steven W. Moore - Special music - Collection will go to Blind Association.  
Prayer and Sharing - 6:30 P.M. - Tonight.  
Don't forget our people in the Homes - send them cards and let them know we still care.  
Madge Trace is now at Western Reserve Convalescent Homes, Inc. 1521 W. 54th St. Room 116 Erie, Pa. 16509.  
All the Lenten material can be taken from the Narthex - maybe you would like to have an extra copy for someone.  
We still have a dozen or so of the "Living Bibles" at \$4.75 each. They are selling for a lot more now.  
DAILY DREAM MAY GIVE DONATION & PAY EXPENSE PRINT.

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp, biting cold that seemed to penetrate my very bones. I shivered, my teeth chattering, as I looked around at the unfamiliar landscape. The snow was deep and pristine, untouched except for the tracks of a few animals. The trees were bare, their branches reaching out like skeletal fingers against a pale, overcast sky.

2. I had heard that the winter in this part of the world was harsh, but I didn't realize just how cold it could get. The wind whistled through the trees, carrying with it a sense of isolation and danger. I felt alone, a small speck in a vast, unforgiving wilderness. My hands were numb, my feet stiff, and my breath came out in thick, white clouds.

3. I tried to remember the directions I had been given, but the fog was thick and disorienting. I had no landmarks, no familiar sights to guide me. The only sound was the crunch of snow under my boots and the occasional howl of a wolf in the distance. I felt a sense of urgency, a need to find shelter and warmth before the night fell.

4. As I walked, I noticed tracks in the snow. They were deep and well-defined, suggesting a large animal. I followed them for a short distance, hoping they might lead to a den or a place where I could find food. But the tracks disappeared into the fog, leaving me lost and alone once again.

5. I was beginning to despair when I saw a small, dark opening in the snow. It looked like a cave or a shelter of some kind. I hesitated for a moment, then stepped forward. The opening was just what I needed. I crawled inside, my body sinking into the soft, dark earth. I pulled my coat over my head and closed my eyes, trying to ignore the cold and the darkness.

6. I was alone in the cave, but I felt a sense of peace. The cold was still there, but it was no longer as overwhelming. I had found a place to rest, a place where I could wait out the storm. I closed my eyes and drifted off to sleep, my mind filled with thoughts of home and the warmth of a fire.

7. When I woke up, I was still in the cave. The cold was gone, replaced by a warm, golden light. I opened my eyes and looked up at the ceiling of the cave. It was made of a smooth, polished material, possibly stone or bone. The light came from a small opening in the ceiling, where a fire was burning. I sat up, my heart pounding, and looked around.

8. I was in a large, ornate room. The walls were covered in intricate carvings and paintings. The floor was made of a dark, polished material. In the center of the room was a large, ornate table. On the table were several small, ornate vessels. I looked at them with a mixture of awe and suspicion.

9. I was alone in the room, but I felt a sense of being watched. I looked around, but saw nothing. I felt a sense of unease, a feeling that something was not right. I stood up and walked towards the table. As I did, I noticed a small, dark figure in the corner of the room. It was a small, dark, humanoid figure, possibly a servant or a guard.

10. I looked at the figure with a mixture of fear and curiosity. The figure looked at me for a moment, then turned and disappeared into the shadows. I felt a sense of mystery, a feeling that there was more to this place than I had first realized. I walked towards the table, my heart pounding.

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THESE CHURCHES: 1884 - 1885  
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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Third Sunday in Lent February 26, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mr. Paul Harbison, Youth Director - Liturgist  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist  
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Youth Choir Director  
Tim Fry and Lori Zavacky - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude: "O Worship the King" Young  
\*Processional Hymn No. 184 "All hail the power of Jesus' name"  
Call to Worship "Jesus, Jesus" Youth  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Mighty God, by your power is  
Christ raised from death to rule this world with love.  
We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall  
into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts,  
and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our  
hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of  
Jesus Christ who was dead but lives, and will put down  
every power that hurts or destroys, when your promised  
kingdom comes. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Mark 14: 43-52  
Hymn No. 31 Page 17 "Trust and Obey (Old Favorites)  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response "Corporate Prayer" Youth  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Now Thank we all our God" Whitney  
Pete Hana

Anthem: "Alleluia Roundelay" Youth Choir Young  
Sermon: "Seer's Catalog: Page 6 - Veils"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 221 "My faith looks up to Thee"  
Benediction and Three Fold Amen  
Organ Postlude: "Postlude in F" Peeters  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Ellen Bauer in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Usners today are: \*Richard Mangel, Don  
Kingsley, Art Carney, Gary Penar.  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis will greet the Congregation  
at the door today.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Virginia  
Mangel and Mrs. Dianna Hollefreund.  
Hospitalized: Mr. Earl Wogan, Mr. Lewis Kradel,  
Mrs. Bessie Hampton and Mr. George MacKinney.  
Mr. Louis Zubik is home now.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship  
Tonight - 6:30 - Prayer and Sharing  
Wed. - 8:30 - Council Meeting (After the Lenten Service)  
Wed. - 7:30 - Lenten Service - No Choir Rehearsals.  
Thurs. - 7:00 - Bible Study  
Fri. - March 3 - WORLD FELLOWSHIP DAY OF PRAYER -  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Jeff. St. at 1:30 P.M.  
Speaker will be Rev. Steven W. Moore. There will be  
special music - Collection will go to Blind Association  
If you need a bible - we have some Cloth Bound  
"Living Bibles" at \$4.75 - you can not get them at  
this price anymore. Contact Bea.  
Mon - 7:30 - St. Pauls UCC vs. Meridian #2 - Jr. Div.  
Thurs. - 6:30 - St. Pauls UCCC vs. Meridian - Sr. Div.  
Sat. - 2:00 - St. Pauls UCC vs. Salvation Army - Sr.  
All games are played at the Cubs Hall on S. McKean.  
March 9 - Fellowship of Churches special session on  
Strokes and dealing with stroke patients at the  
Covenant United Presbyterian Church on Jefferson St.  
at 8:00 P.M.  
The Lily Chart will be passed around today - please  
fill it in - 3 to 4 blooms will be \$4.00. Please  
return the slip to Bea or the office.  
Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Roy Pflugh, Family and  
friends in the passing of Mr. Pflugh on Wednesday.



















ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 5, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Robin Knauer, and Sandy Ferree - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Now the Woods and Fields" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 7 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"  
Call to Worship "I Bind My Heart"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Father Almighty, we know  
that we have gone into hiding, even though we have been  
made for thy glory. We have tried to keep away from  
thy presence. Forgive us and bring us one again to the  
place where we may see thee and sing praises to thy  
majesty; through Jesus Christ. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 21-25  
Hymn No. 11 Page 6 "To God be the glory" (Old Favorites)  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory - Solo "Love Was When" by Wyrzten  
Sung by Karen Maloney  
Anthem "Fairest Lord Jesus" Howdy Bolam and Chancel Choir  
with Doris Angeloni, flute  
Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:  
Page 8 - Medical Supplies"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 278 "O Love that wilt not let me go"  
Benediction and Response "Christ we do, All Adore Thee"  
Postlude: "Crusaders Hymn" Young

----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Ann Williams in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Allen Botacchi, Dan  
Bosko, Robert Knauer, Charles Penar.

Mr. & Mrs. George Pflugh will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Jane and Barb  
Andrews, Lori Zavacky and Kelly Shakely.  
Monday - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle  
Wed. - 7:30 - Lenten Service  
Thursday - General Meeting Butler Fellowship of Churches  
Thursday, March 9, 8:00 P.M. Covenant U.P. Church.  
Dr. McCormick of V.A. Hospital will present an interest-  
ing program on dealing with stroke patients. This would  
be well worth your while to attend.  
Friday - 7:30 - Gloria Nagy and Edward Walter Wedding -  
Open House Wedding.  
Saturday - 1:30 P.M. - Paul Harbison and Ginger Fay  
Lawson - Open Church Wedding and Reception following.  
Next Sunday - There will be a short Congregational  
Meeting (March 12) after the Service - in regard to  
the letter you will get this week.  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mr. Ralph Bonnet,  
Mr. Earl Wogan.  
Tonight 6-8 - Youth Fellowship  
Tonight - 6:30 - Prayer and Sharing  
VBS - Workshop Thursday, March 9, at Calvary U.P.  
Church - 7:00 P.M. All interested people are invited.  
We would like to thank all the people from St. Paul's  
Church who sent cards to Mr. Zubik while he was  
hospitalized, and also for the altar flowers that were  
sent to our home - they were deeply appreciated.  
----- Mr. & Mrs. Louis Zubik.  
Wednesday - Chancel Choir - 6:30; Youth Choir 8:15 P.M.  
Monday - 6 - Basketball - 6:30 - St. Paul's vs. Meridian  
Thurs. - 9 - 8:30 - Community Alliance vs. St. Paul's  
Sat. - 3:00 - St. Paul's vs. St. Marks. - Cubs Hall  
Lily Chart is on Bea's Desk - you can fill it









Butler, Pennsylvania

March 8, 1978

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director

Karen Pfabe - Acolyte

## Young

Prelude	"Prelude on 'Tallis' Canon"	Young
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\*Processional Hymn No. 13 Page 7 "Near to the Heart of God"  
(Old Favorites)

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Invocation

Scripture            John 10: 11-18

## Who's Who in the Pew

Offering

Offertory "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"  
Johnson

Evening Prayer and Choral Response

Dust: "My Lord and I" I.B. Sergei

## Howdy and Dutch Bolam

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:

Page 9 - Woolens"

\*Hymn No. 41 - Page 22 "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"  
(Old Favorites)

\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

\*Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

The Lily Chart can be filled in on Bea's Desk.

Deacon - Mr. Don Kingsley will be at the door this evening to greet the Congregation.

New Members will be received on Palm Sunday

Tomorrow night - Dr. McCormick of V.A. Hospital will present a interesting program on dealing with stroke patients. - 8:00 P.M. at the Covenant U.P. Church.

It will be well worth your time to attend. The Butler Fellowship of Churches are sponsoring this.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
One Great Hour of Sharing March 12, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Robin Knauer, and Sandy Ferree - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" Young  
\*Processional Hymn No. 176 "Crown Him with many crowns"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Have mercy upon us, O God,  
according to thy loving-kindness; according to the  
multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions,  
and our sin is ever before us. Purge us and we shall be  
clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. Create  
in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within  
us. Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy  
Holy Spirit from us. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Luke 23:8-10; Matthew 27: 11-14  
Highlights of St. Paul's Paul Pfabe  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Dominus Regit Me" Willan  
Anthem: "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring: J.S. BACH  
Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:  
Page 10 - Speaking Aids"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 164 "In the cross of Christ I glory"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude: "Beneath the Cross" Morris

Please be seated for Congregational Meeting.  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Vargo and Family to the Glory of God.  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Steve Vargo, Gottlob Kradel.  
Deacon and Mrs. Roy Andrews will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Linda McMillin,  
Mary Dellen and Ellen Master.  
The attendance last Sunday was 211.  
Hospitalized: Mr. Earl Wogan, Mrs. Bessie Hampton,  
Mr. Roy Kradel.  
Rob Sybert and Bruce McBride will be visiting at the  
hospital this week.  
Wed. - Chancel Choir - 6:30 - Youth Choir - after Service  
Wed. - 7:30 - Lenten Service  
Thurs. 10:30 - Mary Martha Circle - at Helen Sheppecks.  
Next Sunday - Palm Sunday - Confirmation Class and  
New Members will be received.  
Our Sincere Sympathy to Mrs. James Stewart, Family and  
Friends in the passing of Jimmy Stewart this week.  
Mr. MacKinney would like to thank the Congregation  
and express his gratitude for the cards, sent to  
him during his recent illness.  
Men's Good Friday Fellowship Breakfast - YMCA - 6:00  
A.M. Guest Speaker - Rev. John Braughler, D.D. from  
First Lutheran Church, Pitts. - Price \$1.50 - Ken  
Weitzel and J. Walter Harmon have tickets.  
Women's - YWCA Auditorium on W. Cunn. St. Guest Speaker  
Rev. Vance Neal; Music: The Grace Notes. A continental  
Breakfast will be served at 7:30 A.M. - Price \$1.25.  
Reservations required - Must be made at YWCA by Monday,  
March 24.  
Youth - St. Michael's R.C. Hall, Center Ave. 8:00 a.m.  
Rev. Perrin of Westminster Church will speak. The  
Wild Honey Group of four men will present special music.  
No charge for breakfast. An invitation is open to all  
youth.  
Today is One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday - If you  
forgot your envelope - there are extra ones in the  
Narthex - you can put them in any time this month.  
The Lily Chart is on Ben's desk if you want a lily.  
They will be \$4.00 - let us know now.









ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Lenten Service March 15, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Jeff Knauer - Acolyte

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude "He Leadeth Me" Morris  
\*Processional Hymn No. 15 Page 8 "Beyond the Sunset"  
(Old Favorites)

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Invocation

Scripture Matthew 27:27-31

Who's Who in the Pew

Offering

Offertory "Air" Bousset

Evening Prayer and Choral Response

Duet: "And with Songs" Marcello

Lloyd and Dale Link

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:

Page 11 Shut-in Supplies"

\*Hymn No. 24 Page 13 "The Light Of The World is Jesus"  
(Old Favorites)

\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude "Teach me my God and King" Traditional

----- \*Congregation Standing -----

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation  
at the door this evening.

Let Bea know if you want an Easter Lily - I have  
a few more on order that have not been sold as yet.









ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Palm Sunday March 19, 1978

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris - Organist and Choir Director  
Beth Feder and Jeff Knauer - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Cartage" Young  
\*Processional Hymn No. 135 "Hosanna, loud hosanna"  
Call to Worship "I Bind My Heart"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord, whose way is perfect,  
help us, we pray thee, always to trust in thy goodness;  
that, walking with thee and following thee in all  
simplicity, we may possess quiet and contented minds, and  
may cast all our care upon thee, for thy carest for us;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips.  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture Matthew 27:57-61  
Hymn No. 40 Page 22 "Blessed Assurance" (Old Favorites)  
Call to Prayer  
\*Pastor: The Lord be with you  
\*People: And with thy spirit  
\*Pastor: Let us pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Bach  
The Rite of Confirmation: The Charge: The Vows:  
\*The Apostles Creed, (Congregation and Confirmands)  
The Confirmation Prayer: The Confirmation  
The Reception of Adult Members  
Anthem: "Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp  
Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:  
Page 12 - Cometary Plots"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication No. 135 "All glory, laud and honor"

\*Benediction and Response "Christ we do All Adore Thee"

\*Postlude

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The Palms have been placed on the Altar in memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sweeney by the Alvin Tait Family.

You are welcome to have them after the Service - The  
Ushers will pass them out.

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Rob Vinroc, Steve Smith,  
Bob Dellen and Gordon Kennedy.

Our sincere sympathy to the Family and Friends of

Mrs. George (Nellie) Davis who passed away this week.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Pauline Pencil,

Lynne Bosko and Sherry McClimans.

The attendance Sunday was 199; Wed. 102

We welcome the following Persons into our Church

Fellowship today.

By Confirmation:	Beth Burns	Mark Fry
	Danny Bosko	Brian Kennedy
	Mary Dellen	Ellen Master
		Bobby Shakely

Letter of Transfer:

Mr. Joseph Galbraith  
Mrs. Theolo A. Galbraith  
Mr. William N. Smiley  
Mrs. Marjorie Smiley

Profession of Faith:

Mrs. Virginia Lee Foley  
Mr. Paul Harbison  
Mrs. Ginger Harbison  
Mrs. Cynthia M. McWilliams  
Diana Nagy  
Mrs. Catherine Riemer  
Charles Smiley

Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mr. Earl Wogan,  
Mrs. Howard Jaillet.

We wish to thank the Women's Fellowship for the  
corsages and boutonnières for the Confirmands.

Mon. - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class

Tues. - 7:30 - Building Planning Comm. Meeting.

Wed. - 7:30 - Preparatory Service

Thurs. - Maunday Thurs. - Holy Comm. - Nursery will be  
provided. Reception for New and Old Members after Service.

Good Friday - Holy Communion.

"Beer's Catalog: Page 12 - Cemetery Plots"

Texts: Isa 53:9; Mt. 27:59-60; Script: Mt 27:57-62

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 Re' Mt acnt, lk John 19 Bgin vs 38

vs 38=Jos secret discip, Mk, Lk sa' counsel=Sanhed  
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Vs 39=Acomplic=Nico also mem Sanhed, but stan 4 Js &  
 quest legal judg amn guilt B4 tried=Ch 4  
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 Epic Nico brot enuf 4 king & sho welthy men

Vss 40-42=Js prep 4 bury, & put in Jos tomb  
 Thus we C fulfil Isa 53:9=mad grav wick, & w/rich  
 in deth; expl.

Thez men no stan 4 Xp in lif, but do so in deth, chang  
 Dif Btween them many othr=tak stan & no liv up 2it

Palm Sun examp, line st, shout, Fri shout crucify etc  
 Examp Jos, Nico lesen 4 all us 2 C & do sumthin bout  
 (Illus 2 men, Xmas & no C 4 whil, sik at Easter)  
 Ther R thoz who say shud no say, tak unfair advantag  
 thoz who only cum 1nce, twic & embaras them

Red artic wom say they embaras=baloney  
 If no embaras cum 1nce, twic, shud no B embaras hear  
 U no fool any1, includ self, & need 2 kno fact ch lif  
 I midl contro=if preach, peop say wrong 1, if preach  
 2 them, I embaras & friv off

So at risk do eithr let us lk at this & have courag  
 2 face wat I say is true

F Sun 76= adults & only reg atten, no ,tten etc  
 yng peop only reg atten & rest no attend

P Sun 77=6 adult & 2 reg atten, 2 off/on, 2 no atten  
 5 adult & none reg attend

I no underst=atten reg, join ch & no atten  
 2day we saw yng peop, adults joing & I pray they C  
 ch memship ea Sun if physic possib

Only tim wil tell

Jos & Nico Beam strong men faith aft rock start & so  
 ther hop 4 any1

But had they maintain early record, ch no surviv  
 Tak mor than Xmas, Easter, P Sun 2 mak a memb & this  
 wat all need 2 kno & do sumthin about

"Seer's Catalog: Page 12 - Cemetary Flots"

Texts: Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:59-60

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-62

It is now sometime after 3:00 P.M. on an April afternoon in the year A.D. 30. A quiet calm has settled over the surrounding landscape. The rumbling of the earth as well as the flashing of the lightning, and the rumble of thunder has come to a halt. ~~All this darkness~~ The strange ~~at~~ afternoon darkness still covers the earth and all that can be heard is the wind rustling in and around the three crosses standing in a row atop the hill called Calvary.

On ~~the~~ each of the crosses can be ~~outlined~~ seen the silent form of a criminal now silent in death. The silence is broken only by the sobbing of a few mourners as they make their way down the hillside and also by the steady crunch of gravel as two well dressed individuals make their way up the slope. In their arms they carry bundles which form the elements with which to ~~give~~ prepare someone for burial. As they begin the task of removing the middle figure from ~~the~~ His cross ~~we~~ ~~are~~ cannot help but show surprise that two men such as these should be about this grisly ~~task~~.task.

Normally one of three things would take place in the disposal of these bodies. Manytimes the body would be left hanging to decay and be disposed of by the elements and wild animals and birds. This served as a grim warning that Imperial Rome would tolerate no anarchy as long as they were in power.

If the bodies were not left to hang there, they would often be thrown over the hill outside the Western Gate of the wall of Jerusalem to be burned with the rest of the garbage and rubbish of Jerusalem.

If none of these things took place ~~in the morning~~ concerning the dead bodies of criminals such as these, they would be taken down and buried in an unmarked grave in what was known as the "Potters Field."

We read Matthews account of a part of what we have been describing, now let us look at the account as it is rendered in John's Gospel, in the 19th chapter. In verse 38 we see that Joseph was from Arimethea and that he was a secret disciple of Jesus. Mark and Luke tell us that He was a counsellor and that he did not concur with the others concerning the trial, arrest, and execution of Jesus.

This means that he was a member of the Sanhedrin, but was not involved in their trial. So we see then that he has asked for, and been granted permission to remove the body of Jesus.

In verse 39 we see that he had an accomplice in this plan and his name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus was also a member of the Sanhedrin, but unlike Joseph he did stand up for Jesus at a point where the Sanhedrin wanted to arrest Jesus earlier in His ministry. He had questioned the legality of judging a man guilty before he had been tried. This event occurs in the 4th chapter of John's Gospel. But we also know that Nicodemus came to Jesus secretly at night to find out who Jesus really was. This occurs in the 3rd chapter of John and is where Jesus tells this Pharisee that he must be born again. He explained to him that a man is born physically, but that he needs to be born spiritually and this needed to take place in his life.

The amount of spices which Nicodemus brought, was enough to be used for the burial of a king. But it also indicated that Nicodemus, like Joseph was a very wealthy man.

So we read that Joseph and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus, wrapped it in the linen mixed with the spices in the folds, and laid Him in the grave which Joseph had prepared for his own use.

Here then we see the fulfillment by Jesus of the prophecy from the Seer's Catalog in Isaiah 53:9, "And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death." When Jesus was on the cross the end of His life meant a grave such as the other two thieves were to receive. When He actually died, it was not only one rich man, but two who came to give Him a grave, owned by one of the rich men.

But in the lives of these two men is seen the story of so many who came in contact with Jesus. At first they were silent, and reluctant disciples of His. But following His death they seemed to have gotten the courage to stand forth and be strong supporters of His. But isn't this also the reverse of what took place on that day we call Palm Sunday? People lined the streets and highways to acclaim Him and hail Him as the ~~man~~ promised by God to redeem His people.



But these same people who cheered on Sunday were probably among the first to shout "Crucify Him, Crucify Him," on Friday. This has been the history of so many who have mouthed the name of Christ, only to stand mute and silent when they should be standing forth for Him.

The example shown by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea is the example for all of us. By this I mean that when we stand forth for Christ we not only mouth it but we mean it. Nicodemus and Joseph may not have been good examples at first, but when they finally came out of hiding we can be certain they were willing to risk all for Christ.

What is our performance along these lines?

(Two men were talking after church ~~around Christ~~ after Christmas services. One of them said to the other, "I haven't seen you in church for a while." The other man answered, "Yeah, I was sick at Easter.")

Now I know that when I even mention something like this there are those who criticize and say that we ministers take ~~adv~~ unfair advantage of those who only come a couple times a year. I read an article in a church magazine about this some time ago by a woman who explained the so called side of those who only attend periodically. She claimed that because there are ministers who take pot shots at the infrequent attenders they are embarrassed and only come infrequently because of this. I say this is baloney. I say that because if you have nerve enough to be a one or two visitor to church ~~an~~ a year, and risk the embarrassment of knowing that you are not fooling anyone, then you won't get too embarrassed if I point out that this is a fact of church life.

You see, I happen to be in the middle of this controversy. If I preach things that causes the congregation to wince, I am accused of not preaching to the people I should be preaching to. I am told that type of sermon is for those who only come once or twice a year. Then if I preach this kind of sermon for the once or twice a year people, I am accused of driving them off.

So at the risk of being accused no matter what I preach let me state that I am not trying to embarrass anyone, much less drive them away. If you have the courage to attend once or twice, you should have the courage to know that what I am saying is true. Let's look at some facts to back this up.



The Palm Sunday figures of new members for the past two years can give us some interesting statistics to look at.

In 1975 on Palm Sunday we took in \_\_\_\_\_ adults. Of that number only 2 are regular attenders. \_\_\_\_\_ never attend, and \_\_\_\_\_ only once in a long while. Of the 17 young people confirmed only 4 are regular attenders, rarely missing. The rest are non-attenders. Last year we confirmed 6 and of that number only 2 are very regular attenders. 1 is a ~~xx~~ periodic attender and ~~xx~~ 1 other is a once or twice a year attender, with the other two practically non-attenders.

We took in 5 adults and none of them are regular attenders. There is something I have never been able to understand about church membership. This is the fact that many people will come to church regularly before they become members and then we rarely see them if ever after they are members.

Today we saw young people and adults become members of this congregation. My prayer for each of them is that they see their membership consisting of coming to worship each Sunday they are physically able to do so. Only time will tell. Joseph and Nicodemus became strong men of faith after a rocky start which shows there is still hope for anyone. But had they maintained their performance before Jesus was crucified, the early church would not have survived. It takes more than Christmas, Easter, and Palm Sunday to make a member and this is what we all need to know and do something about.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Reparatory Service March 22, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris - Organist, and Choir Director  
Sharon and Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude "Religioso" Rowley  
\*Processional Hymn No. 18 Page 10 "Pass Me Not"  
(Old Favorites)

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Invocation

Scripture Mark 15:33-38

Evening Prayer and Choral Response

Offering

Offertory "Our Father" Bach  
Solo "My Tribute" Andrae Crouch  
Sung by Lloyd Link

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:  
Page 13 - Costly Gifts"

\*Exhortation of Preparation

\*Confession of Sin Page 19

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn No. 16 Page 9 "An Evening Prayer" (Old Favorites)

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

Postlude "Lamb of God"

-----\*Congregation Standing-----

Tomorrow - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 - Holy Communion  
(Pews)

Reception for New Members and the Congregation are  
invited to the Undercroft afterwards for a social  
hour.

Tomorrow - Funeral Ed King, Thompson, Miller 11:00  
Good Friday - 7:30 - Holy Communion (Pews)

Pres. and Mrs. Robert Dellen will greet the congregation  
at the door this evening.

We welcome all those visiting with us this evening.

WH-1 WH-11 PFW PLEASE SIGN.  
KAY MORRIS EATON  
HAVE KNOWN

"Seer's Catalog: Page 13 - Costly Gifts"

Text: Isa 53:10; Mk 15:37; Scrip: Mk 15:33-38

Iin think winter - worst weathr, & parhap thots nice  
weth keep us gain: spring, summer flowr, sun, cloud etc  
as wethr chang we 4 get bad stuf until next wintr  
pictur: Js talk discip, follos near Jeru 4 2 of Jedic  
1 ter preced 4 ring in which arrest, trial, execution  
Jesus sed: John 10:17-18 (1840)

Scuz this Jews divid think of Him, Insane; dem posss a  
But not tuk in1 consid He set B4, what He actual do  
Wat Js shar they no underst, & we find hard underst al  
Wonnlook G plan 4 mank, mus serch Scrip/proph 4 ungu  
Expl 53:10=Seer's Cat lg 13: 1st part=execution of Js  
2nd part=JED, 4 24 yrs Ch grow=34, 5M follo Pentecost  
3rd part=JED=Js Resur, sit rt hand G, 1st fruit  
4th part=JED=Js Resur, sit rt hand G, 1st fruit

this redemp possib Scuz Js gav lif mak possib  
We say Js died 4 sinners, but it mor than this

Wat wud B Ur most prized possession?

(Illus Dav Morse, Ramphau pearl diver)

This perf illus Js, He gav lif 4 mank

Lif=the mos costly gift we hav,

hold it, cherish it, nurtur it, medicat it, etc

Mark 15:37=Js voluntary giv up lif, no 1 take from Him

This wat mont in Jn 10, say hav powr 2 lay dwn, take

He releas His up 2 He no kil by sinful men as we

so often say 2 think

He cud hung indefinit if wanted

Men think sacrif this direction we C was "costly gift"

This shed 4 U 2 Me

We need 2 prep hatts, livs 2 cum 2 His Table 2 parts

His meal 4 giveness

His gift cost Dav His very lif & gav freely 4 us

This sho His luv & we need rendr thanks 2 prep livs

daily 2B worthy that luv.

"Seer's Catalog: Page 13 - Costly Gifts"

Texts: Isaiah 53:10; Mark 15:37

Scripture: Mark 15:33-38

For the past several months we have seen winter at its worst. Perhaps the idea which has kept us from being totally overcome by it has been the thought of nice warm sunshine, with flowers and trees in bloom. Or we may have thought of lazy summer days sitting by a stream and enjoying nature when it is calm and serene.

~~But in summer that all of us have experienced~~ But as the weather changes and becomes warm and sunshiny, we will forget the snow and ice and blizzards. All of the things which have kept our minds occupied for so long will be but a memory only to be recalled when again winter has set into our lives.

Picture Jesus if you will, talking to His disciples and followers as they neared Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication. This would have been in the winter preceding the Spring in which Jesus was arrested, tried and convicted. Jesus said to them, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." John 10:17-18.

We read that because of this saying the Jews were divided in their thinking about Him. Some thought that He was insane. Others believed that He was demon possessed. But what none of them took into consideration was that He was setting before them, that which He would actually do and accomplish. What Jesus had shared with them they could not understand and in fact, we find it hard to understand as well. But when we look at God's plan for mankind and search through the prophecies and the fulfillment of those prophecies we can understand this very unique plan of God's for mankind.

When we turn back to the "Seer's Catalog," Isaiah 53:10, we see this prophecy in detail. He says, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief." From this we can see the <sup>prophecy</sup> ~~completion~~ completion in the execution of Jesus. But it becomes more expanded when we read the rest of this verse and understand what it really says. Isaiah goes on, "When Thou, (meaning God), shalt make His soul, (meaning Jesus), for sin, He, (meaning Jesus again),

shall see His seed." Let's stop here and look at this. "His seed," refers to what has come about because of the sacrifice of Jesus. What would be "His Seed"? Those who have come to know Him as their Savior for the past 2000 years or so, are "His Seed." ~~He shall prolong His days~~ Look at the early church following Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost itself we read that 3000 souls were added to the church. A short time after that in Acts we read that there were about 5000 more added to the Church. This is how "His Seed" has come forth.

Isaiah says, "He shall prolong His days." How could Jesus' days be prolonged? By His resurrection. We know from scripture that, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." And also that He ~~is~~ sits on the right hand of God the Father. The verse is completed with, "and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand." The pleasure of the Lord is that all men might come to Him. God does not want that any of His children should perish and the "Pleasure of the Lord" is the redemption of sinners. "there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth," Jesus told us. This redemption is prospering in Jesus' hand because He gave His life to make this possible. So here we see the real significance of what we read as Scripture for this evening. Jesus had ~~promised~~ told His followers that He was going to lay down His life. In essence this is understandable and we can repeat, "Jesus died for sinners." But it is more than ~~that~~ this.

If I were to ask you to think of what your most prized possession is, what would you say?

(Illustration of David Morse missionary in India, and ~~Rambhau~~ Rambhau diver)

This is a perfect illustration of Jesus. He gave His life for mankind. The most costly gift ever given. Life, is the most precious thing we have. We hold on to it, we cherish it, we feed it, clothe it, medicate it when sick and so on. But Jesus sacrificed it for us. But the whole point of this is found in the 37th verse of our Scripture for this evening, "And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost." This was not an automatic reaction which for all other mortals takes place at death. When a normal person dies it is the stoppage of life, but it is not voluntary. With Jesus it was a deliberate stopping of His



life. This is what He meant when He was telling His followers that no man takes it from Him, but He lays it down Himself. He said He had power to lay it down ~~and~~ and power to take it again. This indicates that He had powers which the ordinary person does not have. Therefore, He willfully died. At the point of His execution He released His spirit. He was not killed by sinful men as we so often think and say. He could have hung on that cross indefinitely had He wanted to.

So when we think of the sacrifice in this direction, we see that it certainly was a "Costly Gift" which was shed for you and me. That is why we need to prepare our hearts and lives so that we can come to His table and partake of His Meal of Forgiveness. This Gift cost our Savior His very life and He gives it to us freely. All of this shows forth His love and we need to render our thanks and prepare our lives daily to be worthy of that love.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Maundy Thursday March 23, 1978

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Lori Zavacky and Jeff Knauer - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude: "O Sacred Head" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 158 "When I survey the wondrous cross"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Invocation  
Scripture: Romans 3: 19-28  
Evening Prayer and Choral Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "O Sacred Head" Kirnberger  
Anthem: "I Walked Today" O'Hara Chancel Choir  
Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:  
Page 14 - Redemptions"  
Communion Hymn 145 "Tis midnight; and on Olive's brow"  
\*Communion Service Page 32  
Exhortation - Confession - Absolution  
Eucharistic Prayer  
Seraphic Hymn  
The Institution - Choral Amen  
Agnus Dei  
Holy Communion  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving - Doxology  
\*Hymn of Dedication No. 27 Page 15 "Old Rugged Cross"  
(Old Favorites)  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude "O Sacred Head" Telemann  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
Serving Communion tonight - Bob Deilen, Howdy Bolam,  
Norma Knauer, Rob Sybert and Paul Campbell. They  
will also serve as Ushers.

Elder and Mrs. Paul Campbell will greet the Congregation  
and Friends at the door tonight.

Nursery will be provided tonight by Mrs. Karen Vensel,  
Pam Fry and Debra Johnston.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 7:30 P.M. - Holy Comm. (Pew)

You are invited to the Undercroft for Fellowship  
Hour with our New Members as our Honor Guests. The  
Congregation and all those worshipping with us this  
evening. The Reception is sponsored by the Women's  
Fellowship.

We invite all Christians, regardless of denomination  
to partake of the Lord's supper with us. Please  
fill out a Communion card (found in the pews) so  
that our Church's records will be accurate. If  
visitors desire to receive credit at their home  
church, put the name and address of either your  
Pastor or your Church on the back of the card and it  
will be forwarded.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Easter brings to mind  
the tenderest and most meaningful associations of  
the year. It is a time for quiet reflection. Let  
us think of our dear ones who have gone on but who  
have not left us, whom we will meet again, and let  
us think of Jesus, who tells us about the immortality  
of life. We thank Thee for all the thoughts which  
Easter evokes. How grateful we are for the faith  
taught us by Jesus Christ our Lord, that because He  
lives, we shall live also, and that someday, somewhere,  
somehow, we shall meet our loved ones again and know  
them and love them and never be separated from them  
anymore. This is the faith of Easter Day, bind it  
closely and securely to our hearts and thereby bring  
us comfort and peace and joy in the knowledge that  
life triumphs over death. Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

"Seer's Catalog: Page 14 - Redemptions"

Texts: Isa 53:11; Rom 3:24; Scrip: Rom. 3:19-28

(Illus Scot Dr & mark word after poor peops name etc  
Wat wud word B mak nul/void legit debt???)

"Seer prophesy this & I spel out bk Romans

5 11=He(God),shal G travail His soul,(mean Js soul)

& B satisfied,(G satis wat Js doing)

By His knowledg,(knowledg of Js,shal my righteous  
servant justify many;4 he shal bear their iniquiti

All this cum 2 doct of F=Justification by Faith

This stumbl blok in Ch Bcuz no underst,but simpl 2  
3rd chap Scrip=G right,pure & man sinr striv 2B righ

This essenc scrip this eve & 23-24 made clear

vs 23=we sinns by very natur we born with,very plain

vs 24a=2B just mean set right,examp=bank rob/jail

Just by F=made righteous B4 G & 24a mean this

vs 24b=Grace is free gift,

BEING MADE RIGHOUS B4 G, FREELY BY HIS FREE GIFT

vs 24c=2 redeem pric mus B paid/green stamps etc

Js pay price 4 sinners & we redeemed

BEING MADE RIGHOUS B4 G, FREELY BY HIS FREE GIFT XXX

THRU THE PRICE PAID BY JS 4 MANIND

All this ties lent 2gether,the purp is & was 2 pur-  
chase redemp 4 sinners

2 free mank from slavery of sin

Wat was word Scot Dr wrote??

in red ink=FORGIVEN

this wat G writ acros our debt B4 Him

& this free without price,but mus accept by faith

We mus kno this dun 4 me & Xp my personal Saviour

This why cum 2 L's table,2 acknowl seek 4givnes sin

e cum 4 no other reason & if any here 2 fulfill

Ch requir U under false pretenses

This purp hav prep serv which most U mus feel U  
no need

1 thin point out that serv & that if U cum unworthly

2 L's tabl,U eat & drink 2 own damnation

I sincer suggest ea 1 us exaxm harts next moments

& then partak or no partak accordingly

We not here 2 fulfill obligations 4 church membershi

insted,here 2 seek 4givnes sin thru rememb wat Xp  
did 4 ea us

I pray ea us may eat/drink worthily

"Beer's Catalog: Page 14 - Redemptions"

Texts: Isaiah 53:11; Romans 3:24

Scripture: Romans 3:19-28

(Illustration of doctor in Scotland and marking word after the accounts of those poor people who could not pay. Heirs took to court and judge ruled against)

What would that one word be that would make null and void a legitimate debt collectable by law? The "Beer" Isaiah prophesied this in the 11th verse of the 53rd chapter of his "Catalog" and Paul spells it out in the book of Romans and particularly in the portion we read as Scripture this evening.

Isaiah tells us, "He, (meaning God), shall see the travail of His soul, (meaning Jesus' soul), and shall be satisfied." In other words, God will see the suffering of Jesus and shall be satisfied with what Jesus was doing. He goes on, "By His knowledge shall my ~~servant~~ righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities." This could be paraphrased, "By the knowledge of Jesus, or what Jesus did, the sinless Jesus will make many righteous, for He will carry their sins of all mankind."

Now what all of this comes down to is a doctrine set forth by the Apostle Paul which is called "Justification by faith." This has been a stumbling block for many people for many years within the church because it is quite often not completely understood. But it is very simple to understand once we know what lies behind all of it.

In the third chapter of Romans Paul is explaining that God is righteous. This means He is pure and sinless and man is a sinner striving to be righteous before this pure God. This in essence is all that is being said in this block of Scripture we have shared this evening. But I would like to share just two verses of this Scripture which should make all of this clear for us. In the 23rd and the 24th verses Paul makes this as clear as it can possibly be made.

He says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This is simple enough for anyone to understand and we surely must know that we are sinners by the very sinful nature that we are born with. This couldn't be made more plain. Then Paul goes on, "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Now if we break this down a little at a time

we will readily see what Paul is saying, and how Jesus fulfilled the prophecy  
Isaiah 53:11.

To be justified merely means to be set right. A ~~pr~~ bank robber is justified before the law when he has served his sentence. This means that he has paid the penalty for his crime. To be justified before God is to be made righteous before Him. This is all that the doctrine of Jubification by Faith ~~is all that the doctrine of Jubification by Faith~~ really means. It means to be made right, or righteous in the sight of God. So what Paul said was, "Being made righteous before God." The second part of verse 24 tells us, "Freely by His grace." ~~This~~ The word Grace merely means a free gift. So it would read, "Being made righteous before God, freely by God's free gift." And the third part reads, "Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." To redeem something, a price must be paid. I am sure that we all remember the craze of a few years back to get trading stamps for everything we bought. When we had enough of them we could take them to a redemption center and we received a gift in exchange for the stamps. This is what Paul is saying. Through the price that Jesus paid ~~for~~ on behalf of sinners, we have been redeemed.

The verse should now read, "Being made righteous before God, freely by God's free gift, through the price paid by Jesus for mankind." All of this then ties together the full meaning of lent. The purpose is and was to purchase the redemption of sinners. To free mankind from the slavery of sin.~~xxx~~.

What was the word the Scottish doctor had written across the accounts of the poor people he treated and who were unable to pay. In red ink he wrote the word forgiven. This is what God has written across our account before Him, ~~but~~ ~~it is something which we must take by faith~~ God has given this to us free and without price. But we must accept it by faith. We must know that this was done for me and that Christ is my personal Saviour. This is ~~what~~ why we come to the Lord's Table, to acknowledge that we seek the continued forgiveness of our sins. We come for no other reason. Or I should say we shouldn't come for anyother reas . So if any of us are here merely to fulfill the requirement for church membership, you are here under false pretenses. This is the purpose of having



the Preparatory service last night, which not too many people feel they need. One thing which is pointed out very vividly in that service is the fact that if you come unworthily to the Lord's Table, you eat and drink to your own damnation. I would sincerely suggest that each of ~~us~~ one of us examine our hearts during the next moments and then partake or not partake ~~depending~~ of the Lord's Supper. We are not here to fulfill obligations for Church membership, but instead are here to seek the forgiveness of our sins through the remembrance of what Christ did for each of us. I pray that each of us may eat and drink worthily.



1:45 - THE WORD OF SUFFERING

"I Thirst."

Scripture Reading John 19:28-29  
Solo "Into Thy Hands" from "Cantata 106" J. S. Bach  
Peter Morabito  
Meditation The Rev. Mr. Dean Reeder  
Oak Hills Christian Church  
Prayer  
\*Hymn "Amazing Grace" No. 275

2:10 - THE WORD OF VICTORY

"It is finished."

Scripture Reading John 19:30  
Solo "Out of the Depths" Scott  
David Geisler  
Meditation The Rev. William Fey  
St. Fidelis Seminary  
Prayer  
\*Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 198

2:35 - THE WORD OF COMMITMENT

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Scripture Reading Luke 23:44-49  
Solo "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" O'Hara  
Mary Shields  
Meditation The Rev. Mr. Robert E. Kromer  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Prayer  
\*Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" No. 194  
  
\*BENEDICTION Mr. Brookshire  
POSTLUDE Mrs. Victor Phillips  
\*Congregation Standing

John 19:25-27

Tim: Moon,midday sun hid,ominous dark descend on earth  
-ilk aminite at noon,? criminals various pain,disco  
2 women, 1 lone discip, silent vigil at cross in midl  
1,then Mary,earth mother &, mas thot anny things as  
as iz over this execution,  
Thoz:leap & present son 2'ord,Agad lincen bless bab  
hor:WILLIAM WILL CHILD OF 4 MARY & JAMES 2TH OF  
MARY K. 1844 4 19 1870 CALIF. 3 18 1871  
JIM A CARD THE LATE MARY HILL 2 18 1871  
MARY K. 1844 4 19 1870 CALIF. 3 18 1871  
JIM A CARD THE LATE MARY HILL 2 18 1871  
here she stood & word pierce hart & soul,musly xxx  
stood by  
Js unab wov except had,peer thru bloodshot, wollen  
eyes,a look & familiar friend or luv 1  
sweat mingl,bld from crown burn,hard 2 C  
Mary leen discip,Centurion beckon mov closr  
Js perhaps recog who wer & then speak diffi thru parch  
lips, swollen leuz beat taken face  
word brief, 2 point,ea brath labor,pain  
2 speak difficult, 3c necess 2d brief  
Jed:JOHN WOULD UN JOH! BOLD UN MOTHER!  
Con'ec giv 2 care discip  
dutiful son t&k care,support wen Jos die & only  
natural look after follo this  
Lik intro:Mother meet Jn,Jn meet mother  
Thot this his final concern & thoz dearly luv  
But 1 meaning I submit also probable:  
As Js hung ther go thru agony, tortur look thru  
tortur eyes C Mary,John & C worry looks ther  
g ak 2 Mother:Woman,Behold Son, I ur son but not now  
I on of Grl dy & U:His sufr 4U & mark:This legnad  
humilia necessity step sav U from Ur sins:I hang dives  
clothing,dignity,pride as individ & I do 4 all U  
I bin dutiful son,but I mor than this:I son of God  
Accept this as 3 necess 4 mark 2 tak away sin world  
Then lok Jn giv invit tak woman care & keep  
He sho concern,& replac 4 self & who cud do this?  
1 other points:Js say Wom,this strang wen usual Mott  
This indic Js sho 4th Mary serv 3 purp & now she  
another person 4 whom He die  
All this sho 4th luv of Js as luv Son/Mary/Jod  
This luv transcend wat U & I cud ever imagine & He  
fulfil wat sed 2 discips:JM & JVW 2ND 3RD JAN  
THE END & MAY YR DREAM LIFE & HIS WORLD.

12:30 - THE WORD OF SALVATION

"Today shall thou be with me in Paradise."

Scripture Reading Luke 23:39-43

Solo "There is a Green Hill Far Away" Gounod  
Mrs. Thomas Eichelberger

Meditation                      The Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Glenn  
St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

\*Hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" No. 400

12:55 - THE WORD OF REMEMBRANCE

"Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

Scripture Reading John 19:25-27

Solo "The Old Rugged Cross"  
Mark Cornetti

Meditation The Rev. Mr. Ralph C. Link  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

\*Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 190

1:20 - THE WORD OF LONELINESS

"My God, My God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?"

Scripture Reading Mark 15:33-34

Solo "Were You There?" -anonymous  
Lloyd Link

Meditation                      The Rev. Mr. David D. Wilson  
United Methodist Church

\*Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 195

BUTLER COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

March 24, 1978

12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M.

SAINT ANDREWS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
201 East Jefferson Street

*Sponsored by the Butler Fellowship of Churches*

*(Please enter and leave the service only during the  
ushering intervals or while the congregation is  
singing hymns.)*

ORGAN PRELUDE "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" --settings  
by Bach, Brahms, Telemann and Kirnberger  
Mrs. A. Paul Morris, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Mr. Voris G. Brookshire, Jr.  
Pastor, Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

INVOCATION

\*HYMN "Were You There?" No. 201

12:05 - THE WORD OF INTERCESSION

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Scripture Reading Luke 23:32-38

Solo-Intro. from "The Seven Last Words of Christ"

"Was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow?" Dubois  
Mrs. Vincent Sanzotti

Meditation The Rev. Mr. John H. Kazanjian  
Faith United Presbyterian Church

Prayer

\*Hymn "Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed" No. 199

WE ARE GRATEFUL to all those who have made this  
service of worship possible:

General Arrangements:

The Rev. Mr. Voris G. Brookshire, Jr.  
The Rev. Mr. Dean Reader  
The Rev. Mr. Ralph C. Link

Musical Planning:

Mrs. A. Paul Morris

Organists:

Mrs. A. Paul Morris  
David Daugherty  
Mrs. Victor Phillips

Ushers:

Members of the Mora Club  
Samuel Castilyn  
Joseph Desmond  
William Waltman  
Harold Minehart  
William Nulph  
Morgan Blair

The service is being broadcast over WBUT for the  
benefit of shut-ins and others who cannot attend.

Offering plates have been placed in the rear of  
the church. You may present your offering as you  
leave. After all expenses have been cared for,  
the balance of the offering will be given to the  
Butler Meals on Wheels Program.

Good Friday: Third Word  
Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

John 19: 15-27

The time was now around noon. The midday sun was strangely hidden and an ominous darkness had descended upon the earth. It was like midnight at noon. The three criminals were now in various stages of pain and discomfort. Three women and one lone disciples stood a silent vigil near the cross ~~at the central figure~~ in the middle of the three. One of the women, Mary, the earthly mother of this man must have had many thoughts running through Her mind as she agonized over the execution of this her son. Her mind must have gone back to the time when she had presented her son to the Lord in the Temple and had met the aged Simeon there. She could recall how he had held the baby in his arms and blessed Him before the Lord and then added his blessing of the parents as well. The words may have seemed strange at the time, but now she could perhaps hear them ringing in her ears, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; yea a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Here she stood, and the sword was indeed piercing her very soul as she stood mutely in front of her tortured son awaiting His death.

Jesus, unable to move anything except His head must have peered ~~at those around~~ ~~in~~ ~~through~~ through swollen and bloodshot eyes at those around Him looking for the face of a familiar person or friend. The sweat from His head mingled with the blood caused by the crown of thorns encircling His brow burned His eyes making it difficult to see anything. As His mother leaned on the disciple John, the Centurion keeping watch at the site of the execution would have noticed that these people could cause no harm and perhaps beckoned them to come closer.

At this point Jesus may have been able to focus His gaze upon them and recognize who they were. It was then with some difficulty He spoke to them through lips parched from dryness, and swollen because of the beating He had taken about the face. The words He shared were brief and to the point. Each breath



was breathed with much pain and labor. Speaking would have been a difficult task. So of necessity His words were brief. He simply said, "Woman, behold your son! Behold, your mother!" The full impact of these words cannot be known. But we can conjecture and probably rightly that He was giving His mother into the care and keeping of His most trusted disciple John.

Jesus being the dutiful Son which He has had taken care of His mother for many years. It is believed that He was the sole support of the family following the early death of His earthly Father Joseph. Since He had cared for His mother and supplied the livelihood for the family, it is ~~believed~~ only natural to assume that He had a concern for the well being of His mother following this ordeal through which He had to suffer. His words were almost like an introduction to each other. "Mother, I would like you to meet John. John, I would like you to meet your mother Mary. The thought that this was His final concern for the comfort and consolation for these two people whom He dearly loved is probably what was taking place.

But there is one meaning I would submit to you that is also probable. As Jesus hung there going through the agony of this torture, He may have looked through His tortured eyes and saw there His mother Mary, and His beloved friend John. He saw on the faces of each the worried concern revealed there. At this point He speaks to His mother and tells her with all of the feeling He can muster at this point, "Woman, behold your Son! Look at me. I am your Son, but not by normal flesh and blood, but as the Son of God. I am dying for you. This suffering you see me going through is for you and all mankind. This degradation and humiliation is the necessary step to save you from your sins. I hang here divested of my clothing, my dignity, my pride as an individual, and I am doing all of this for you. You have known me as a dutiful Son, as an earthly son, but I am more than this. I am the Son of God and when you look at me, you are holding the Son of God and not the son of flesh and blood. Accept all of this as being necessary for all mankind and that it is to take away the sins of the world.



And then He looks at John and gives the invitation to take this woman into his care as he would his own mother. He is showing that since Mary is losing what she believes to be her son, a replacement must be found to care for her. Who else could take care of this except the most dutiful and trusted follower Jesus has had?

One other point needs to be made here and that is the strange way in which Mary is addressed. Jesus calls her "Woman." We ordinarily think of a son calling his maternal parent, "Mother." When we want to impart something to our mothers we call them "Mother," but not "woman." This again would indicate that Jesus is showing forth that Mary served God's purpose in dutifully serving as His earthly mother, but is now another person for whom He is giving His life. This does not mean that He is shutting her out of His life, or forgetting her. But since He is showing a concern for her He is seeing that her needs will be met now that He will be no longer a part of her earthly life.

In all of this the love of Jesus shines forth as the loving Son. While He grew and matured He was a loving son to Mary. Now that He is fulfilling God's plan for ~~man~~ the redemption of mankind He is still fulfilling the role of dutiful Son. But He is showing it first to God, and then to Mary.

This love far transcends anything that you or I could ever picture or imagine. This love was shed for you and me and was the fulfillment of what He had imparted to His disciples during His ministry when He said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

GOOD FRIDAY March 24, 1978

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Beth Feder and Kelly Shakely - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - HOLY COMMUNION - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude: "When on the Cross the Savior Hung" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 161 "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Invocation

Scripture: Luke 23: 32-38

Evening Prayer and Choral Response

Offering

Offertory "Lamb of God, Our Savior" Bach

Duet: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" Sung by

Rob and Cyndie Sybert

Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:

Page 15 - Special Remembrances:"

Communion Hymn No. 462 "Jesus, keep me near the cross"

\*Communion Service - Page 32

Exhortation - Confession - Absolution

Eucharistic Prayer

Seraphic Hymn

The Institution - Choral Amen

Agnus Dei

The Holy Communion

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving - Doxology

\*Hymn of Dedication No. 27 Page 15 "The Old Rugged Cross"  
(Old Favorites)

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

The Congregation will leave in observance  
of the Crucifixion.

- - - - - \*Congregation Standing - - - - -

Those serving Communion tonight are: Harry Fry,  
Art Carney, Mary Lou Davis, Steve Vargo and Richard Mangel.  
They will also serve as Ushers.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis will greet the Congregation

at the door this evening.

We invite all Christians, regardless of denomination  
to partake of the Lord's supper with us. Please fill  
out a Communion card so that our Church's records will  
be accurate.

If Visitors desire to receive credit at their home  
Church, put the name and address of either your Pastor,  
or your Church on the back of the card and it will  
be forwarded.

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One wonders why a day that memorializes torture,  
pain and death should be called Good Friday. The answer,  
of course, is that the Greatest values of life do not  
come out of the fortuitous and the easy, but out of  
the hard and the difficult. Christianity is no  
sweetly textured faith by which its adherents are  
carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease. It is  
a rigorous faith, the essence of which is found  
through self-denial and sacrifice.

And those who meet its challenges will find that  
Good Friday is good indeed, because behind this  
inscrutable universe, filled as it is with hardship  
and suffering, there is a good God, One who cares,  
One who loves everyone of us. The basis of the great  
message of Good Friday is this: "God so loved the  
world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life."

This is perhaps one of the few greatest truths in  
the whole world. Despite all of the suffering,  
struggle, disappointment and sorrow in life, there  
is a God who cares, who understands. He esteems us  
so highly that He gives us freedom, and in this freedom  
we often hurt ourselves. But then He picks us up and  
lovingly supports us in our pain and struggle.

"Seer's Catalog: Page 15 - Special Remembrances"

Texts: Isa 53:12; Lk 23:43; Scrip: Lk 23:33-43

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EXPL 53:12

Intercessors=Criminals in Hebrew

Js sed this in Lk 22:37 READ

this no coincidenc & fulfil Isa 53

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but not Js

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by sinners on Calvary, & surround by sinners of world

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followrs 2 do=Remember

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& by same token criminal no want 4gotten

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If we remem nothing else, mus remem Him

This sum total wat Lent about & shud B 4 ea us

We at close of Lent agin,

Remembrance of Him at His table 4 we partak bred,

wine & hav 4giveness sins & renewal of livs.

Cur, let us share this meal 2gether.

"Deer's Catalog: Page 15 - Special Remembrances"

Texts: Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:43

riptide: Luke 23:32-43

We have now come to the last verse of this 53rd chapter of the Deer's Catalog," and here we see that Jesus is involved in a special way with those who are an element very different from Him. All of His life He associated with sinners and people who were the outcasts of society. But in all of His dealings they were unable to reduce Him to their level. Yet, at His death He is in the very midst of those who not only were special sinners, but had to be punished for their sins amid society. This is what Isaiah is saying with the words, "and He was numbered with the transgressors." This word is better interpreted as, "criminals" because this is what it was in Hebrew. Isaiah continues, "and He bore the sin of many," thus signifying that He was taking the sins of all mankind upon Himself at this point.

"And He made intercession for the transgressors," again, this is in the strong sense of "Criminals" putting all mankind in this light before God. Jesus pleaded our case before God by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross.

Jesus Himself told that this was ~~xx~~ to be a part of His life in the 22nd chapter of Luke, the 37th verse. Now wouldn't this be too much of a coincidence to not show that Jesus was the one spoken of in Isaiah 53? This should settle and prove it for us. In fact, we should be much easier to convince that the two men who were executed with Jesus.

When we look at this portion which we read as Scripture for this evening we see that even though the two men on either side of Him deserved death for what they had done, one of them began to see Him for what He really was. He found fault with his friends actions towards Jesus and so he requested that Jesus would remember him in His kingdom. He must have felt that there would be a future kingdom established and Jesus was the king they were speaking about. And it is then that Jesus shares with him the words of "Special Remembrances." He says, "Today you shall be with me in paradise." Not some time in the future, or some remote and removed day from today. But this very day. Here is the

the warming joy that should belong to every believer. That at the point of death, we enter into God's kingdom.

It is also ironic that Jesus was being asked to do something that He Himself had requested of His followers. And that was, to be remembered. Jesus had shared the last meal with them and had requested that when they partook of bread and wine together they were to do so in "Remembrance of Him." This was a "Special Remembrance" set apart and aside by Jesus in order that we can continue to have communion and fellowship with Him. By the same token the dying thief wanted to be remembered and not forgotten either.

(Illustration of elderly lady and "Remembering Him.")

If we remember nothing else in this world, we need to remember Him. This is the sum total of what Lent should be for each of us. And it should be the remembrance of Him which brings us around His table to partake again of the bread and the wine ~~xxxxx~~ through which we have the forgiveness of our sins, and the renewal of our lives.



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Sponsored by  
Duncannon Council of Churches  
March 31, 1972 12:00-3:00 P.M.

THEME: "THE SEVEN LAST WORDS"

ORGAN PRELUDE Miss Dorothy Hamilton  
\*THE INVOCATION: Pastor Bruce Gearhart, Duncannon  
United Methodist Parish  
\*THE CONSTITUTIONAL READING No. 564 "Despised and Rejected of  
Men"  
\*HEAN No. 111 "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

I THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS  
The Lesson: Luke 23:32-38  
The Meditation: Pastor Lloyd Holt, Christ Lutheran  
The Prayer  
\*The Hymn: No. 109 "O Sacred Head"

II THE WORD OF PARDON  
The Lesson: Luke 23:39-43  
The Meditation: Pastor John Dabback, Duncannon  
Presbyterian  
The Prayer  
\*The Hymn: No. 183 "There Is a Fountain"

III THE WORD OF CONCERN  
The Lesson: John 19:23-27  
The Meditation: Pastor Ralph Link, Duncannon United  
Church of Christ  
The Prayer  
Anthem: by Spungold  
\*The Hymn: No. 110 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

IV THE WORD OF LONELINESS  
The Lesson: Mark 15: 29-31  
The Meditation: Pastor Simon Lehman, Roseglon  
Brethren in Christ  
The Prayer  
Anthem: by Spungold  
\*The Hymn: No. 245 "In the Hour of Trial"

V THE WORD OF SUFFERING  
The Lesson: John 19:28-29  
The Meditation: Pastor Chester Margolf, Duncannon  
Church of God  
The Prayer  
\*The Hymn: 289 "Alas, and Did my Savior Bleed"  
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

VI THE WORD OF VICTORY  
The Lesson: John 19:30  
The Meditation: Pastor Paul Parrish, Duncannon  
Assembly of God  
The Prayer  
\*The Hymn: No. 116 "In the Cross of Christ I  
Glory"

VII THE WORD OF COMMITMENT  
The Lesson: Luke 23:44-49  
The Meditation: Pastor Bruce Gearhart, Duncannon  
United Methodist Parish  
The Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)  
\*The Hymn: No. 119 "When I Survey the Wondrous  
Cross"  
\*The Benediction and Silent Prayer

ORGAN POSTLUDE  
\*Congregation please stand

You are invited to remain for as many segments as  
your time permits. Please feel free to leave during  
the singing of a hymn, or at its end. Offering plates  
have been placed near the doors; your gifts will  
support the work of the Duncannon Council of Churches.

JOHN

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and have been characterized with respect to their

As he sat there all of the details of what happened,  
of how things must have been certain and clear to the fact that a description  
was obtained by word of mouth and that the fact that he had to  
say that the description was imperfectly obtained, and <sup>also</sup> in fact that he was  
in the direct interest of his own. He probably saw the friends of Jesus  
standing at a respectful distance and he had to have believed that to some  
place, for he knew that they were not there in any trouble, but he  
was by and after their beloved *munakampunna* the only thing that they  
could give and that was their love.

Jesus, in his tormented state of body and mind, probably  
was suffering in seeing all that was going on around him. His eyes  
were probably closed not only from lack of sleep, but from the nature  
of seeing in the bright sunlight, and from the fact that except that his  
eyes from the eyes of the people, from his face, he will see the fact that  
he was from the people on his head.

As his mother and John along with the other women, were  
in sleep, he was able to distinguish them to be 25 years from actually  
at the same time. Though his swollen, bloodshot eyes, he was  
able to know his mother, and John his beloved follower. Unable to  
see anything else except the road, he must have looked toward them.  
When they saw him they may have come that way closer to try to comfort  
him and know if he was wanting to tell them.

But strongly enough, as imparts to them that others  
to be words for their comfort. "Jesus, would you not believe, your  
mother?" The only light of their words of gold is all the words of  
Christ from the cross could be known. The reason for this is that through  
the theology of all of this is not realized in detail. He only have a  
sensation of what was said, and this is in very brief form.

In the first chapter of John we read this theology in  
various detail. "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God."

and we are. In other words we know the Mrs. Lord is from this. But in this  
 we will want first the sense there is in detail and we will not only receive  
 the real meaning. It has been pointed out by many that that Jesus was  
 being, and Jesus was doing like the sense and feeling of John and seeing  
 John the adopted son of Mary. Almost like our introduction, John's Mother,  
 I would like you to meet ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ your son John, John, I would  
 like you to meet your Mother Mary.

Now this may be the real meaning of this and it is such  
 probable. But I want to point out these are the same later stated some-  
 ing. We must know to see that implies some of the meaning of the  
 name.

IS ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is Jesus Mary, Mary is all through the story  
 of his mother, as John's mother and that of his mother and that is how  
 his mother and his Father's family. He looks down into the world,  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and he is his mother and he tells him and with all of the feeling  
 that he could make at this point, "Mother, I tell you, I tell it  
 to you, I am your son, but not by flesh and blood, but by the Son of God.  
 I am dying for you. This suffering you see as going through is for you  
 and all mankind. This degradation and humiliation is for mankind, not  
 to save you from your sin. I have been forsaken of my clothing, my  
 dignity, my life as an individual, for you all of this for you.

Now then Mary is a motherly son, as our Motherly son,  
 But, I am more than this. I am the Son of God and when you look at me,  
 you are looking at the Son of God and not the Son of flesh and blood.

And then Mary looks to John and gives him the invitation  
 to take this young man into his care as a mother. He lets it be known that  
 when she is loving what she has thought to be her son all along, a son  
 beloved but he found it look after her and is very far from. And also  
 that but the heart and most selfish will that he has known.

Now other spirit people he is made and that is the same

There was not all very common. He calls her, "Mama." He calls her  
 like I believe that he is inclined to the feeling of the event, and he  
 is doing it in her.

In the instance of the one who is strictly human, as generally  
 known to me rather, is rather. Now your own children with something to  
 know in their action, almost every, "Mama!" is probably out, "Mama,  
 there is something I want to tell you."

But whichever the case and whoever the real world, we  
 are acquainted with the familiar figure in the life of Jesus. And even  
 in his final hours of life, he is concerned for her. The real point of  
 the whole question is that at about this moment and for all of her  
 life, she all at once. "There is a bath of her that this, that's really  
 the life of his friends."



WHY GEEK YE AT FLYING AND THE GEEKS  
HE IS HERE, HE IS HERE,  
HE IS HERE!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

EASTER March 26, 1978

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mr. Paul Harbison, Liturgist  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Youth Choir Director  
Beth Feder and Jeff Knauer - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Fanfare: G. Young  
\*Processional Hymn 167 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
\*The Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Choral Call to Worship - "Christ the Lord is Risen" Fetler  
\*The Call to Worship

Minister: This is God's morning. There is no  
force that can conquer Him, no power  
that can hold Him.

People: He is risen from the dead; He has  
passed out of death into life.

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the Easter news,  
the Good News of the Resurrection. We  
proclaim the Good News that we too can  
pass out of death into life.

People: We declare that our faith has to do with  
life. We declare that Easter is the  
dawn of a new day through Christ. We  
affirm that we are a people concerned  
with the real and daily world that is,  
and the life that shall be.

All: Glory be to God and Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

The Easter Scripture Luke 24: 1-12  
Hymn No. 32 Page 18 "He Lives" (Old Favorites)

\*The Easter Prayer (In Unison) O God, grant to us the  
joy of sharing in the life and death and resurrection of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that through Him we may  
become a new creation in which the old things have passed  
away, and in which everything has become new. So grant  
that even here and now we may die to sin and be reborn to  
righteousness. May we live and be so one with our risen  
Lord that, when life ends for us in this world, we may  
k. that death is but the gateway to eternal life.

Deliver us from the fear of death; and make us to  
know that death is not the end of life, but the  
beginning; not the twilight, but the dawn; not the  
midnight, but the breaking day. Grant us the complete  
assurance that beyond death there is a life where we  
shall live forever with our Lord. Give to each of us  
the confident Easter assurance that life is stronger  
than death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

\*Praise

Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praise.

\*Dogology

The Offering

The Offertory: "Easter Glory" Wetzler - Youth Choir

The Chancel Choir Anthem: "With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw Sung by the Chancel Choir

The Sermon: "Seer's Catalog:

Page 16 - Perpetual Gifts"

The Sermon Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*The Hymn of Triumph No. 165 "The Day of Resurrection:"

\*The Benediction

\*Choral Response "Christ We Do All Adore Thee: Dubois

\*The Postlude: "He is Risen" Morris

----- \*Congregation Standing -----

Serving as Ushers today are \*Richard Mangel, Don

Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

Nursery will be provided today by

Deacon and Mrs. William Thompson will greet the  
Congregation at the door this morning.

Rev. & Mrs. Grandville Cooper will be celebrating their  
60th wedding Ann. on April 3. There will be OPEN HOUSE  
at the Terrace Apts. on Cliff St. on Sunday April 2  
from 2 to 5 for them. They request no gifts please.

Our Sincere Sympathy to Mr. Walter Hollefreund, Family  
and Friends in the passing of Helen this week.

Our Sincere Sympathy to Mrs. Edward King in the passing  
of her Husband this week.

Hospitalized: Bessie Hampton, Sherry McClimans,  
Lewis Kradel.

Rob Dellen and Harry Fry will be visiting the Hospital  
this week.

We hope you have a Happy Easter

"Beer's Catalog: Page 10- Perpetual Gifts

Text: Lk 24:5c; Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Stil' dark outsid & sefer figurs slip from warm homes  
& h. silently into early morn cold & darknes. Ther  
secret errand tak them 2 garden tomb.  
No thot giv 2 grimes of task; walk silent & ea env-  
lop own partic sadness; intent only on perfor self-  
appoint job & no quest how get in2 tomb  
Insted, only think delay job aint ded frend  
Ideas-cum earl, do job, get out, disappear,  
no suspicion, no disturbance & peace & frend  
Jus as arriv, 1st lite dawn, eathquake, stone rol away.  
timid enter, confront 2 men whit, recog us hvnly 4's,  
bow 34 & men ask, Vs 5c-7  
Jus lef tomb, in shock, want 2 Bliev & yet no comprehen  
They kno tomb empt but how explain 2 others?  
So impetuous later go 4 3 & self  
Can U imag feels U & I hav this pt?  
Birth mirac, 3 heard hvnly mess, deth accomp darknes  
thunder, light, quake  
Now this quake & stone roll away, & empty tomb  
All this caus 2 kno he no ordinary person  
Now full cycle=1st Xmas=8 w/us Emmanuel  
Celebrate Lent-agony prep 4 sacrifice  
" " & Pri = day kil/Iam & slain 4 mankind  
Now celebrate East & tóng emty, Js Kp liv reigns  
in world  
All thez 6 miracs heuz ea hav signif & mean 4 U & me  
(Illustration woman ded husband, hev, sorry, glad, surp)  
This shud 2 no surprise 2 any1 if pers Bliev & kno  
Kp as 1 did 4 him, noed 2 kno joy at deth w/ord  
ath-enemy, am dred; curs 4 sin; end man exist; ~~space~~  
parate from G  
(Illus Wellington, defeat enemy, fog etc)  
This how man kep from G lik fog; fog sep 1 PriX~~xxxx~~  
Js die, lik mortal man, jus dreams  
But then East & lik fog lift & altho Js die, now  
aliv & pray overcup & here hope 4 mank  
But wat ful implic of this? read 5c-wat this mean?  
(Illus little boy pict crucifix & no st y ded)  
This shud 3 joy we hav 2day, he no stay ded & aliv  
thru ris from ded, deth o'roun & etern lif posib 4U  
Need no lo gr dred icy fear deth,  
Js Kp is aliv & as he sed=WHY I LIV U SHAL LIV 4U  
I AM RISEN & ALIV, HE THAT BELIEV IN ME SHAL  
ALSO BE RISEN & ALIV, & HE WHO VILV & BELIEV  
I SHAL LIV 4U  
Jus wat mak 2day so spec 4 thru it hav 1st of Gift  
etern lif: this day replac 1st day of 1st RL/Js & 4  
shud mak ever fun spec 4 us & we find glac nous word

EASTER SUNRISE - COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - GAGAMORE, PA. 4/7/96

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 24:1-12; LUKE 23:55-56

BACKGROUND: WOMEN - 55-56

DAK LV MOM CUM GRAV

PIA EDLY ARIVL, PERFORM TASK, GO BAK HOME

CHL EARTHQUAK STCN ROLL WAY

EXPLAIN SCRIP - VSS 2-12

WAT WUD OUR FEELINGS B????

JS BIRTH=MIRAC, HERALD MEMORABLE

DETH=DEATH, THUNDER, LIGHTING, EARTHQUAK

SUNDAY MORN=EARTHQUAK, STCN ROLWAY

WUD SUSPECT NO ORDINARY PERSON

XMAS=G W/US, EMANUEL

SATVR=EMPTY TOMB - DETH 4US-4GIVNES - RESUR-ETRNTY W/HIM

THEY GIFT, SHUD MAK EVE DAY MASTER

(ILLUS WOMAN, HUSB IN HVN, SORRY, GLAD, SURPRISED)

THIS DETH 4BLIEVR - 4GIVN, PRTNTY

UNBLIEVR=DETH CURT, END EXISTENC, SEPRAT FR/GOD

(ILLUS WELLINGTON DEFEAT ENEMY & FOG)

CHL EARTHQUAK=MAN SEPRAT FR/GOD, NO HOPE - LK FOG

EASTER=MAN HAV REATCHIP W/GOD 4ALL ETRNTY

WAT IMPLICATING OF THIS ??????

VS 5c=WAT MEZ THIS MEAN?

(ILLUS BOY PICTUR IN WINDOW, OLD MAN, & JS NO STAY DED &

SHUD JOY THIS DAY BEUZ JS IS ALIV

HE SED=BOUZ I LIV U SHAL LIV ALSO

I TH/RESUR & TH/LIF: HE THAT BLIEVTH IN ME, THO HE WER DED

I SHAL BE LIV & WHOEVER LIVTH & BLIEVTH IN ME SHAL NEVER DY

THIS WAT MAK 2DAY SO SPECIL

2DAY - SUNDAY REPLAC OLD SARATH THIS IS DAY OF THE S-O-N

JS XE TH/SON OF GOD & TH/SON OF LIFE

EVERY SUNDAY SHUD FINT US IN WORSHIP PRAISING TH/RISEN & ALIVE

LORD

VERSE 5c=WHY INDEED????

HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS RISEN & IS ALVIN FOR EVERMORE!!

PRaise GOD FOR THIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT!

Why seek ye liv among dead? Why indeed  
He not here, He risen & liv forever  
wise O 4 His unspeakabl gift

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - APRIL 7, 1996  
SUNRISE SERVICE

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

BREAKFAST AFTER CHURCH - INVITED TO STAY

EASTER WORSHIP 11:00 - YOUNGER CHILDREN IN SERVICE

CHILDREN'S PORTION OF WORSHIP

\*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

EASTER PRAYER

\*HYMN

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SCRIPTURE: RESPONSIVE READING #290 - NEW HYMNALS

SERMON: "SEER'S CATALOG: PERPETUAL GIFTS"

ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER - 3/26/78

\*HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Text: Luke 24:5c

riptide: Luke 24:1-12

~~Just before the first light of dawn several women left their homes and started on their task of performing the religious observance they were unable to perform~~

It is still dark outside and several shadowy figures slip away from the warm confines of their homes and head silently into the ~~night~~ early morning darkness. Their secret errand will take them to a garden tomb. No thought has been given to the grimness of their task. They walk silently each enveloped in their own particular sadness. Intent only on the performance of their self-appointed job they never questioned the impossibility of entering the sealed tomb. Instead, they had only made preparations to perform this function which was delayed because of the religious holiday just passed.

Their plan was to arrive just at the first light of dawn, perform their grisly task of completing the anointing of His body and to disappear back to their homes. In this manner they would arouse no suspicion, <sup>nor</sup> ~~or~~ cause a disturbance, and their friend's grave would not be disturbed and He could rest in peace.

But just as they arrive at the garden, the first light of dawn appears and there is a sudden shaking of the earth and the stone rolls away from the entrance.

They timidly enter the tomb and are confronted by two ~~angels~~ men in white garments. They immediately recognize them as being heavenly messengers and as they bow before them ~~angels~~ they are spoken to by the men and asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?", (read vs 6 & 7 also). At this revelation they must have ~~been~~ left the tomb in a state of shock, wanting to believe, and yet not quite comprehending what all had taken place. They knew for a certainty that the tomb was empty, but how would they explain this to the others? So they returned and told the others what had taken place. And impetuous Peter as always, went to the tomb to see for himself.

Can you imagine the feelings you or I may have had at that point? The birth of this friend of theirs had come about in a miraculous way, being heralded by visits from heavenly messengers. The death of Him had been accompanied by an abnormal darkness, thundering, lightning, and earthquake. And now this earth-



quake and the stone rolled away and the empty tomb. All of these things would certainly have caused them to know that He was no ordinary person. We have now come full cycle in His life and ministry. We celebrate at Christmas His coming into the world as God in the flesh. Emmanuel, God with us. We celebrate Lent as the period during which He went through the agonies of preparing for His sacrifice. We celebrate Good Friday as the day on which He was killed and became the "Lamb Of God" slain for the sins of all mankind. Now we celebrate Easter as the day in which the tomb is empty and Jesus Christ lives and reigns in the world.

All of these things are God's miracles because each in turn have a significance and meaning for me and you. But the significance of the empty tomb is so often played down and overlooked. It is through the empty tomb that we come to realize that Jesus Christ supplies ~~xxxxxx~~ every believer with, "Perpetual Gifts." Those "Perpetual Gifts" should give to us a joy and gladness of heart to make every Easter.

(Illustration of man, woman, her dead husband in heaven, sorry, glad, surprised)  
This should come as no surprise to anyone. If a person is a believer and knows Christ as the one who did all of this for him, then he needs to know the joy that at death he goes to be with the Lord.

Death was the enemy that man had a fear and dread of. Death was the curse for sin. ~~In order for God to redeem mankind He had to overcome that enemy to permit man to live eternally with Him. His plan for mankind became the coming of God into the world in the form of a man, which was Jesus Christ. Jesus lived and ministered among men. He suffered and died just as all men must do. But~~  
Death ended man's existence and because ~~xxxxxxx~~ sin brought about death, it meant that man was to be eternally separated from God.

(Illustration Wellington defeating enemy, signal to Winchester Cathedral & fog).

This is how man was kept apart from God like a fog separating man and God.

also  
This is ~~xxxxxxlike~~ what it was like following the death of Jesus on Friday. All He had said and stood for was now at an end. ~~He~~ He died like any mortal man and any dreams to the contrary were just that, dreams. It was like a fog had



settled on the earth and God was obscured again. But then came Sunday morning, the first day of the week. Suddenly it is discovered that the tomb is empty and it is again like the fog has lifted. It meant that although Jesus died, He was now alive and the grave was overcome. Here was the new hope for mankind. But now that death no longer held the same power over mankind, just what was the full implication of all of this? What was it the angel said? "Why seek ye the living among the dead? What did this mean?"

(Illustration of little boy, picture of crucifixion in window, man asking what it meant and little boy telling and then adding, "But He didn't stay dead").

This is the joy that should be ours today. He didn't stay dead. That though His arising from the dead, death is overcome, and by His being alive eternal life is to be had beyond this life. We need no longer be held in the dread icy fear of death. Jesus Christ is alive, and as He said, "Because I live you shall live also." "I am the resurrection and the life, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

This is what makes today so special for through it we have His "eternal gift" eternal life. This is the day which replaces the old Sabbath and so for us this is the day of the Son. <sup>S. C. - N</sup> Jesus Christ the Son of God, and the Son of life. This should make every Sunday something special for us and we each ~~one~~ find our rightful place in His house, singing His praises and worshiping the risen and alive Lord.

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Why indeed! He is not here, He is risen and is alive forevermore. Praise God for His unspeakable gift.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Second Sunday in Eastertide April 2, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Sharon Pfabe and David Knauer - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Trumpet Tune" Purall  
\*Processional Hymn No. 272 "Love divine, all loves excelling"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Our heavenly Father, who by Thy love hast made us, and through Thy love hast kept us, and in Thy love wouldst make us perfect, we humbly confess that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, and mind, and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ hath loved us. Thy love is in us, but our selfishness hath hindered Thee. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in Thy Spirit direct what we shall be; that Thy image may come into full glory in us and in all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Hymn No. 174 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Adagio" Bach  
\*Anthem: "God So Loved the World" Stainer  
\*Armon: "O - O = 4"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 368 "O holy war those servants wage"  
Benediction and ~~Threefold~~ Amen.  
Postlude: "Prelude and Gfugue in D minor" Bach  
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\*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Gray in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Allen Botacchi, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer and Charles Penar.  
Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by - Mrs. Betty Carney, Lori Zavacky and Robin Knauer. ~~HOME~~  
Hospitalized: Mr. Lewis Krader, Mr. Wilmer Pfabe.  
Art Carney and Rod Rensel will be visiting the Hospital this week.  
Monday - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Meeting.  
Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting  
The Newsletter will be published on Thursday - please have all material in by Wednesday.  
Next Sunday - Baptism of Infant  
Next Sunday - 3:00 - There will be a meeting here at St. Paul's for all of those who have volunteered to hand out letters after the worship services of the churches of the Lake Erie Association on April 16. This afternoon from 2-5 - Open House Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Grandville Cooper who are celebrating their 60 Wedding Anniversary. This will be in the Social rooms of the Terrace Apts. They request no gifts please.  
On Palm Sunday the attendance was 248; Preparatory Service - 95; Maundy Thursday 227; Good Friday - 124; Easter Sunday - 278.

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God of mercy: forgive and correct the wrong we have done this day. We have turned from the way your Son Jesus Christ set forth, and we have not cared for our neighbors. We have permitted pride to blind and anger to burn, and we have failed to live the new life you have given to us. We come to you today with little to offer except ourselves, and our sins, begging mercy in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

"0 - 0 = 4"

Text: 1 Cor 1:30; .scrip: 1 Cor. 1:10-31

Natural laws absolut-gravity & no change  
 po. long nuthin - notthin lvs notthin & mathemat absol  
 term titl & my math thirl no trus chekbook/nev did  
 3 set 4th standard & I sho this as red scrip AA  
 4. vien=vas 27-28=not means zero, nought=zero = 0  
 us 3 bring our =4

Lk Judges 3:41; expl oxgoad; 4:21; 7:20; 9:53; 15:15  
 this wud = 7 but I say & made it 4-vs 30  
 Wisdom a 10-22 (illus man, doctor & smarter)  
 wisdom is 2 seek knowl & sustin o'erlook simpl thing  
 Jew no know Js Mess; deth prove this, seek sign  
 45 AD man & Jordan part; 54 Man cum Egypt let alive &  
 Jerusalem walls 2 fall down  
 Greeks spen hours debate trifle=Dark Age & angel/pins  
 Sib scholars & brilliant dissect whol Sib & educat fool  
 so brilliant they dumb  
 I point out vas 23-24=Js Wisdom & reveal 2 man  
 (illus Je could see Jesus & preacher)  
 Social probs grave concern but only overcum by thoz  
 hav Xp center of livs  
 Social programs gud but tak luv Xp in individ 2  
 reach out & alleviat probs of lif  
 (illus Je could see Jesus & preacher)  
 Men no cum thru service bcuz we only made right turn  
 salv giv by Xp on cross & this I say vs 18  
 (illus A.L. corfield relative 2 cross)  
 by it thru it attain rightness & only this way,  
 then serv bcuz we luv Lord.  
 Sanctif=2B set apart, made holy  
 A com=bot with price  
 3 bring 4th 0 - 0 = 4=wisdom, right, sanctif, redemp  
 This compl joy shud hav ea ever day yr & not jus  
 special times  
 Watch flies, worms, insects etc cum 4th bcuz a ring  
 think 3h lik this bcuz sum peop seen crawl out  
 woodwork special time & then crawl bak un il next  
 wat shame thez peop no know or that all do not know  
 joy, luv, Js can impart 2 hart & lif  
 (illus Ben of Cyrus & wife condemn 2 die)  
 This how we shud feel ea day livs  
 ea day is maste over again & Js livs & is aliv 4us

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SCHEM: 1 COR 1:18-31; SERM: "O - O = 4"

NATURAL LAW & ABSOLUT= LAW OF GRAVITY ( THIS 4COR CAN GUD)

THEY YET ACC LONG= NOTHING TO/NOTHING LEAVE NOTHING

THIS TRUTH BUT I HAD THE SHC FORMULA G AND 4TH DEEPLY ABSOLUTS

V & 27-28= TH/MEANS - O - O = 0

I WILL SHC THEN THIS SCHEM G MAKE IT O - O = 4 - VS-30

illus wat p pt out here is fnd in o.t. O-O = 7

THIS ILLUS FND BUK OF JUDGES CHAP 3 & POLO CHAPS

(THIS MAN GO HOSBOR & FINLY JUSTIN ROBT FILLS=SMARTER)

WISDOM IS MERLY TH/S FIRST AFTER OF NOT KNOWING - 2B SMARTER

BUT MAN IN QUEST PROUN FINE VERY OFTEN OVERLOOKS SIMPL THINGS BOW

BLISS BEING 2B ONLY THEN PROFOUND/DEEP REVLATIONS CAN ACQUIR KNOW

(ILLUS BUNES JARON AS SENT TO GENERAL FOODS)

VSS 23-24=WISDOM FR/GOD & NO ACCEPT BY MOST PEOPLE

VS 25=OPPOSITION SEEM FOOLISHNESS OF GOD

GOD FOOLISH 2BY THAT NOT GOD AT ALL

JS WAS SEEN AS WEAKNES, WEAK PERSON LET SELF B KILLED = HE NOT G

TH/JS WASN'T BELIEV JS WAS GOD, & WASN'T TH/PROMISE MESSIAH

(ILLUSTRATING OF THOSE PROCLAIM 2B TH/MESSIAH IN MISTRY)

JEHO GOD KNOWS WHAT TIME OF MESSIAH & OVERHUR ENVS

QW EKS SEEM ENDS HLL DEBAT MINUTE PT OF CH TRIAL

(THAT, HALL AGO TH NEW BELIEFTH/CHURCH BISHOPS/PRIESTS HAD

RECEIVED TH MANY ANOVS CHURCH ON THE CH A FIN)

WE HAD THEN 2BY IN & OUT OF CHURCH

SO CALL B1B SCHOLARS & SO BRILLIANT BUT THEY HAD DISTORT

TH/TRIL SO IT HAS NO MEANING/THINGS 4THM OR THEIR FOLLOWERS

THEY R SO BRILLIANT, THEY R DUMB

1 PTS OUT 2BY IN CH AT COR. VSS 23-24=(READ THEZ)

IF WE WUD CARE TO KNO MEAN OF LIP, WERE KNC THIS V. 23, & IT

WILL TRD 2BY AS THEN

IS TH/SCHEM & WISDOM OF GOD

(4-3 PREACHER PREACH OTH THINGS & NOTE "WE WUD C JS)

THAT IS TH/MURDER OF TH/CHURCH, 2BY PEOPL 2BY TH/SAVIOR

7:20= TRUMPETS, PITCHERS AND LAMPS

ORDINARY THINGS USED TO OVERCOME THE MIDIANITES

NOT GREAT WEAPONS, OR ARMAMENTS, OR A HUGE ARMY

JUST COMMON ORDINARY PITCHERS IN WHICH WERE THE LAMPS

OR LIGHTS

AND THEN THE TRUMPETS WHICH THEY BLEW WHILE HOLDING THE L/

LAMPS

IT PROBABLY LOOKED TO THE MIDIANITES LIKE A HUGE ARMY & THE

LAMPS AND TRUMPETS MUST HAVE FROZEN THEM IN THEIR TRACKS

(NEXT EXAMPLE FOUND IN 9:53)

JUDGES CHAPTER #3, VERSE 31 - & FOOTNOTE BY SCOFFIELD

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WIL C THEN THIS BUK 7 VSS ILLUS HIS WRITING BOUT GOD TAKING

THINGS THAT SEEMED WORTH SMTH, & BRING THEM TO NOTHING,

& SAYING THINGS THAT N ORDINARY & BAIL BOUT NOTHING OF CPTH

4:41=OXIGI, NINTH STIR

9 FT LNC LATE YRS TOWN & TOWN

BEET OXIGI W/IT & LATER USED CLEAN MUD FR/PLOWSHARE

4:21=A COMMON NAIL USED TO OVERCUM TH/ENEMY OF ISRAELITES

(NEXT EXAMPLE FOUND IN 7:20)



XXXXX

VS 30=HMM P HMM TH/1 HAIN C - C = 4

TH/1st PART THIS IS "WINDOM" & NOT BCUT THIS VS 18-22-READ  
VS 30R=TH/9WGN THING P PT OUT IS RITUSNES

(EXPL NOW WE R MADE PITHS THRU JS YP

ONLY HAIN RITUS BA GON THRU TH/SALV GIVN BY JS ON CROSS  
T SAT P SAY IN VS 18=(RVAL AGAIN)

(THUS RIV SCOFIELD - (NOT RIVL SCOFIELD) & GROSS)

THIS IS FOR C IT & NO UNDEFINITE MEANING OF IT

BUT THRU CROSS ONLY WAY OBTAIN RITUSNES

THEN P LIST 2THINGS 2GETHE BCUT MVS GO 2GETHER VS 30C & D=READ  
SACRIFICIUM= 2B SET APART, 2B MADE HOLY

BEHEMETH=NOT WITH A PRICE

JS MAKE UP HOLY THRU HIS SAC ON OUR BEHALF

THUS G HAS TAKN TH/THINGS THAT R NOT - Q -

AND HE HAS BROGT TO - C - TH/THINGS THAT R

AND HE HAS GIVN US - AT BORN, BIRTH, DEATH & RESURRECTION THRU

VS 30C & D - C - C = 4

HE JOY UNDER US HAY TILL THE YP

(THIS IS ON TYPING K OF JEREMIA & HIS LIP, SAID BY HIMSELF)

THIS NOW WE THUS FEEL BCUT JS WAS TH/NAN WHO DIES FOR US

15:15=SAMSON USED TH/JAMON OF A COMMON LONKY 2SLAY A  
THOUSAND PHILISTINES

ALL THEZ 2 THINGS WER COMMON ORDINARY THINGS

VS 30C USED THEM MITYLY 2OVRGUM THOZ ENYS OF GOD

IF WE WUD USE THIS AS AN EQUATN IT WUD O - O = 7

BUT LET'S BK SAT P SAYS 4th AS TH/EQUATN FOR US & ALL YPIANS  
I WUDCHER SITUAT

THUS IT CUD NOT INCLUD MATERIAL THINGS, BUT BATHR,

15:15 FOUR THINGS FOR LIVING TH/YPIAN LIFE

1 COR. 1:30

9:53= AN ORDINARY MILLSTON WUD 2GRIND GRAIN IL D BY ONE TO  
OVRGUM A POWERFUL KING

IN EACH OF THESE INSTANCES GOD IS USING TH WEAK OR FOOLISH  
TH OF THE WORLD TO COMPOUND TH/THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY

(NEXT EXAMPL FND IN 15:15)



$$0 - 0 = 4$$

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:30

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:13-31

We know that the natural laws are absolute. For instance, no matter how we may strive to overcome the law of gravity, it still exists and continues to exert its influence in our lives. And this <sup>is</sup> for our own good. A few years ago there was a popular song which stated, "Nothin from nothin leaves nothin," and this is a true mathematical absolute. If you have read the sermon title and think that my mathematics do not quite meet what we know to be mathematical standards you are right. Probably after today, Shirley will never trust me with the checkbook again. (She never does anyhow). But I would like to show that God has set forth a formula, ~~xxx~~ which defies the normal absolute and this is what we shared as our Scripture for this morning.

Let us look once again at this portion of Scripture as found in 1 Corinthians 1:13-31. Our equation is based very simply upon the 27th and the 28th verses. It tells us basically that, "things which are not," meaning nothing, or zero, "bring to nought," or nothing, zero, "things that are." This would make the equation logically, "zero minus zero equals zero." But God brings it out to equal four, as we shall see.

A good illustration of what ~~Paul~~ Paul is pointing out here is found in the Old Testament book of Judges. Scofield points out a very interesting fact about what Paul is saying here. Let us look at these verses in Judges.

First we see in Judges 3:31, (read). An oxgoad was nothing more than a stick with a pointed end. It could be as long as 8 feet, and in later usage was tipped with iron. It was used also to clean the mud from the plowshare, and so it was really nothing great. Next let us look at 4:21, (read). Here we see a common nail used to overcome an enemy of the Israelites. In 7:20, (read), we see trumpets, pitchers, and lamps were used to overthrow the Midianites.

In 9:53, (read), a millstone is used to overthrow a wicked king. And finally in 15:15, (read), Samson overcomes a thousand Philistines. Now all of the things used to fight for God against his enemies were really things that were common and not of much account. Yet, God chose them to give the Israelites the victory

Now if we wanted to use this as our equation we would say that zero minus zero equals seven. But I want to show that God made the equation to equal four and this we see in 1 Corinthians 1:30.

The first part is "Wisdom." Paul wrote about this, (read vs 18-22.

(Illustration of man going to doctor to become smarter)

This is all that wisdom really is, a seeking after more knowledge; a desire to become smarter. But man in his quest to ~~become~~ become wise, very often overlooks the simple things believing that only through profound and deep revelations is it possible to acquire wisdom.

The Jews would not believe that Jesus was the Messiah. The simple fact that He was put to death was enough to convince them that His ~~own~~ possibility of being the Messiah ended with that execution. In 45 AD a man stepped forth who claimed to be the Messiah, ~~and gathered a band of followers~~ persuaded thousands to leave their homes and follow him to the Jordan. He promised that he would give the

command and the Jordan would part and he would lead them across the dry river bed. The Romans sent a troop of mounted soldiers to disperse the mob killing some in the process, and taking the leader prisoner they had him beheaded.

Another man came from Egypt in 54 AD claiming to be the prophet and he gathered 30,000 people to follow him to the Mount of Olives where on command the walls of Jerusalem were to fall down. But it didn't happen.

These were the signs the Jews were seeking for in the Messiah. The Greeks spent endless hours debating a minute point of some trifle. It is said that during the Dark Ages when the church needed guidance and direction, that the clergy of bishops and priests sat arguing how many angels could dance on the head of a pin. This is much like the Greeks were that Paul was writing about. We have this even today. There are some Biblical scholars who are so brilliant that they have literally dissected the entire Bible to the point that it has no meaning and purpose for them or any who would follow after them. They are educated fools. They are so brilliant, they are dumb. But Paul points out, (vs 23-24, read), Jesus is the wisdom of God revealed to men.

(Illustration of preacher and notes telling him ~~he~~ "He would see Jesus")

~~This is what~~ We all need to know that the social problems of today are a grave concern. But they will not be overcome except by those who have ~~the~~ Christ at the center of their lives. Social programs are fine, but it takes the love of Christ within an individual to reach out to alleviate the problems of this life. The second thing Paul lists is, "Righteousness." Righteousness only comes about through Christ. It cannot come from anything that you or I may do in the matter of service. We are made righteous before God through the salvation given by Jesus on the cross. This is what Paul is saying in verse 13, (read).

(Illustration of Dr. A.T. McField and relative about cross=251, 2400 illus)

This is how the world sees it and cannot understand what purpose it serves. But we need to know that it is by it and through it that we attain righteousness and only in this manner can it be attained.

The next thing Paul lists is "Sanctification." This is a word that means to be set apart. To be made holy. But we must know that this word can only be used properly when it is used as Paul does here with the word "Redemption."

Paul then lists two things which must be linked together for they go together. They are, "Sanctification" and "Redemption." To be "sanctified" is to be set apart; to be made holy. To be "Redeemed" is to be bought with a price. ~~There~~ ~~for~~ ~~indeed~~ ~~that~~ Jesus makes us holy through His sacrifice on our behalf. Therefore, God has taken the things that are not, (zero), and He has brought to zero the things that are and has given us, "Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption," through Jesus Christ.

This is the complete joy that we should have each and every day of the year. For many people it is a joy only to be had at specified times of the year. Easter is over for many, many people. I was observing some of nature this past week by noting that flies, and other crawling insects have come out into the open again since the sun and warmer weather has come back. I thought how this is true of the Church. As we draw closer to Easter or Christmas, it seems like some people sort of crawl out of the woodwork for a short period of time, and then they disappear until it is time to appear again. What a shame that not everyone can know the complete love and joy that Jesus

Christ can impart to the heart and life.

(Illustration of a general of Cyrus and his wife condemned to die)

This is how we should feel each day of our lives, for each day is Easter and Christ lives and is alive for us.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Third Sunday in Eastertide April 9, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Sharon Pfabe and David Knauer - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Choral Song" Wesley  
\*Processional Hymn No. 290 "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "O God, who hast brought us into this fellowship with one another through thy Son Jesus Christ: let us be one in thought and mind and spirit. Help us to strive not to be individuals but to be a group of fellow believers. Forgive us in our weakness of turning from thee. Give us strength as we need it in our times of turmoil and frustration. Help us to live in the world, but not to be completely wrapped up in all of it. Make our wills obedient to thine, for we ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Matthew 7: 13-20  
Hymn No. 283 "God is our Refuge and our Strength"  
\*Statement of Faith (In the front of the Hymnal)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Alla Breve" Fischer  
Baptism of Infant - Alicia Marie Sheppeck - daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Sheppeck

Anthem: "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte  
Sermon: "WHO SAYS SO?"  
Sermon Prayer and Dedication of Special Workers  
Hymn No. 292 "Onward, Christian soldiers"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude: "Choral" Boellmann  
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\*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. William Zavacky, Jr. in memory of Doris's Parents.  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow, Steve Vargo and Gottlob Kradel.  
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Phyllis Penrod, Beth Burns and Laurel Stauffer.  
Hospitalized: Bill Ohl, Bonnie Vensel, Mary Jane Weisenstein.  
Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vensel on the birth of a new baby boy on Wednesday.  
Our Sincere Sympathy to Family and Friends of the late Mr. Harry Klinger who passed away this week in Florida.  
Today - 3:00 - Meeting here with the two other Churches.  
Tonight - 6:30 - Prayer and Sharing  
Tonight - 6-8 Youth Fellowship  
Friday - 6:00 - ARC Tureen Dinner and Election of Officers. Dong Kingsley, Sarah and John Snow and Lena Frederick are in charge.  
Vacation Bible School Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on April 30th. This meeting is for everyone involved. A filmstrip will be shown. Please try to be here - it will be an important meeting. Teachers books and material will be passed out at this time.  
Paul Campbell and Don Kingsley will be visiting the Hospital this week.  
Thursday - 7:00 - Prayer Meeting  
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Almighty God, who hast gathered thy people throughout the ages and in all the world into one church, forgive us the painful divisions and wounds which we thy children have inflicted upon thy household of faith. Grant us the grace to overcome our human errors and prejudices that we may walk together in the unity of our one Master: in whose name we pray. Amen.



"Who Says So?"

Text: Mt 7:15; Scripture: Mt 7:13-20

An administrator, under order direct super wrote letter 2  
grp peop recent relocat nu area; encourag 4 futr  
(read letter)

ntim aft nothr admin in relocat area wrote letter 2  
our admins Jerry's area urg he B replac in job  
He write such way=WHO SAYS SO? WHO RE 2 SAY?  
Admins cum 2 Jerry & he writ nothr letter=Jer 29:31,32  
Explan: Jerem proph writ from Jeru, 2 peop Babylon,  
G say bld, prosper etc, 70 yr releas; beware fals prop  
& shemaiah 1 & he 2B punish 4 rebellion  
Scrip 2day Js say same thing=Vss 13,14 Ch as wel peop  
(Illus Bapts, Meths, Presbys & drought)

Situat Ch 2day=U UP UR UCC prob=thez majr denoms  
UCC told 2 wait C wat U do=copout no tak stands  
agin Gen Synod recent action  
(Illus Dr. Barnhouse, drunk driver & take stand)  
This prob 2day societ & ch=sit bak do noth & disappear  
But we kno no happ & if ignor get wors & wors & C CH  
Js go on 2 say=Vss 15-20=By Fruits Ye Shall Know Them  
We hear C rotten fruit without/within Ch 2day  
(Illus Relig Editor NY Times on sexuality, & revolution)  
1st=this part tru; 2nd part world use 2 discred G Word  
Is G's Word obsolet as we B tol? NO, peop get away  
from Bib & Bib no get away from Church

It still only tru, guid & textbook 4 sik civil 2day  
(Illus street preacher, wher did Cain get wife)  
Thez sily atack RB use by slik, sly 2 discredit G Word  
" excus peop use 2 do own thing & B own man no strir  
(Illus self-made man)

We ay feel lift by bootstrap, but G made boots strapin  
G alway has, alway wil cal man 2 responsib action

This tru especial in Church  
BY THEIR FRUITS U SHALL KNOW THEM & Ch Js Kp shud hav  
richest, ripest fruit around

but unfort not case many instances  
peop of Ch AB call 2day 2 stan 4 Word G in society  
which has run ramp in hast 2 ovrthro everthin Godly  
(Illus crippled boy, paglages, & RU Jesus)  
Do peop C & kno U folower of Js? Can tel Bib textbook  
4 UR daily lif?

My frends, this wat all about; G cal 2 act His ch  
This why we tak stan in Denom; send volun nxt wk/letter  
agin immorality in Denom

Rea wil tel if stan alon or other stand with us  
We enter conflic lik solder redy 2do battl 4 Lord  
Ask thoz volunteers 2 come 4ward & dedicate

"Who Says So?"

Text: Matthew 7:15

riptide: Matthew 7:13-20

An administrator acting under orders of his direct superior wrote a letter to a group of people who had been recently relocated in a new area. His letter was full of encouragement for the future. This is what he wrote:

Dear Friends,

Build homes where you are and put down roots. Plant orchards and vineyards for your stay there will be long. Get married, have children and see that your children in turn marry and have grandchildren for you to love and enjoy. Expand and multiply, and do not dwindle away. Work hard for the peace and prosperity of your new homeland, because if there is peace there, you will have peace as well. Do not pay heed to any ~~xxx~~ administrators who would lead you astray by lying to you. The Chief Administrator wants you to pay heed to what He tells you to do. Remember there are those who have not done this and because of this, they cannot enjoy the same freedom you have in your new land.

It was signed, "Jerry."

one of the

Sometime after this letter was sent ~~another~~ administrator in the area where the people had been relocated wrote a letter to several administrators in Jerry's area urging them to have Jerry displaced from his job. ~~Max informed~~ His letter was written in such a way that he was asking the other administrators, "Who Says So?" "Who is it who is telling our people to build and prosper and grow in this strange land? Who Says So?"

When the administrators came to Jerry with this letter, he wrote another letter to the relocated people which said, (read Jer. 29:31-32). The ~~maxxin~~ administrator in case you haven't guessed was the prophet Jeremiah. He was writing at the direction of God <sup>from Jerusalem</sup> to the people of Israel in exile in Babylon. The advice that he was passing on was that God wanted them to put down roots in Babylon and after they were there 70 years God would release them and return them to Jerusalem. But they were warned to beware of false prophets of which Shemiah was one, and he in turn wrote to several others in Jerusalem trying to put Jeremiah down as a false prophet. But God inspired Jeremiah to write to the exiles that Shemaiah was a false prophet who was to be punished for his rebellion against God.

As we look at our Scripture for this morning we see the same thing being warned

against by Jesus Himself.

As us begins this discourse in the 13th verse, (read 13 & 14). This means that the way leading to eternal life <sup>IS NARROW</sup> and there are more people traveling the Broadway, than there are traveling the narrow path. This can be applied to individual lives as well as the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church ~~xxx~~ should be the means ~~that does it~~ whereby people can come to ~~know~~ not only know the Lord, but get directions and guidance on how to live.

(Illustration of drought and ~~xxxx~~ Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians)

This is about the situation the Church of Jesus Christ finds itself in today.

We have what you could call ~~and~~ an ~~UP~~ <sup>PROBLEM.</sup> ~~UM~~ UCC problem. If you don't understand what that is, it is the abbreviation for Episcopal, United Presbyterian, United Methodist, and United Church of Christ. Each of these denominations are involved in a struggle ~~in~~ the outcome of which will determine the destiny of the Church of Jesus Christ.

<sup>PARTICULAR</sup> Our leaders of our denomination are saying that what the Presbyterians do in May will have a large influence on what we do next June. But this is just a copout to avoid taking a stand on the issues recently raised ~~at~~ at our ~~xxx~~ General Synod.

(Illustration of Dr. Barnhouse, auto accident and taking stand)

This is the problem in society as well as in the church. Just stand back or sit back and do nothing, maybe the problem will disappear. But you and I and all people know this is not the case. Problems cannot be ignored, but instead must be faced up to, or as time goes on the necessary steps to be taken become more difficult. And this is just what is happening in the Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus went on to ~~xxx~~ warn about false prophets as we read in verse 15, (read). (Read verses 15-20). "By their fruits ye shall know them."

We are seeing and hearing about a lot of rotten fruit in our society today. The traditional stand of the Church is being attacked both from without and within. The religion editor of the New York Times writing about the so called sexual revolution taking place in our society, as well as the homosexuality issue in the church recently wrote about the Church, (quote: Two unpleasant propositions



needed to be faced to get underway: first, that the churches have lost immense status as a source of moral values for the larger society; second, that their inherited teaching on sex might be seriously inadequate or just plain wrong.

Here is a respected individual first stating a true fact, for the church has lost ~~its~~ its influence because it has become just like the world and it cannot be identified apart from it. But he gives an attack which the world itself is using to discredit the very foundation of the Church and that is God's Word. Is God's Word obsolete in today's society as we are being told? The answer is a resounding "NO." The Church and its people have gotten away from God's Word, and it is not God's Word that has gotten away from the Church. It is still the only true guide and textbook for our sick civilization today as it ever has been.

(Illustration of man preaching on street corner and where did Cain get his wife) These are the silly kinds of attacks that are being used by the slick and sly to discredit ~~and~~ the Bible and God. These are the kinds of excuses that are being used so man today can do his own thing and be his own man with no strings

tached. It is like the fellow who went around proclaiming that he was a self-made man. One day he made this arrogant remark, "I'll have you know I'm a completely self-made man." The man next to him said, "Well, I'm glad to hear that. It certainly relieves the creator of a tremendous responsibility."

Regardless of how we may feel and believe that we have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps, it is still God who made the boots the straps are in. God always has and always will call man to responsible action ~~both within and~~ but most especially within the Church. "By their fruits you shall know them," and the Church of Jesus Christ should contain the richest ripest fruit around. But unfortunately this is not the case in many instances. The people who make up the Church are being called today to stand for the Word of God in a society which has run rampant in its haste to overthrow any and everything which is Godly (Illustration of crippled boy, packages, and "Are you Jesus?")

Can people see and know that we are followers of Jesus? Can they tell that the Bible is your textbook for your daily life? My friends, this is what its all about. God is calling us to action within His Church. This is why we are tak-



the stand we are taking within our denomination. We are sending out some volunteers next week to pass out a letter stating our stand against the immorality within our denomination. The reaction we receive from the churches will show us whether we stand with many others, or whether we stand alone. We will receive different responses from different people. But we enter this conflict much like a soldier ready to do battle for the Lord. At this time then I would like to ask those who have volunteered to make this visitation to please come forward so that we may dedicate them to the task they have so willingly responded to undertake.

(Close, with the people kneeling, and praying for God's blessing and guidance in what we are undertaking to do.)

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fourth Sunday in Eastertide April 16, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard, Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Fantasy in A minor" J.S. BACH  
\*Processional Hymn No. 63 "Our God, our help in ages past"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Father God, we humbly ask forgiveness, for we have squandered that which thou hast so graciously given to the sons of men. We spread the gift of fertile soil to the winds and cause it to be washed in the sea. In our greed we pollute the pure water and the lakes, and streams, and air. We waste fuel and ore, and use them for evil purposes. We abuse, twist, and manipulate our brothers for our private ends. We take the gift of thy Son, and His body the Church, and we bend them to our desires. Have mercy, most merciful Father, and forgive, in His name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: 1 Samuel 9:25 - 10:13  
Hymn No. 207 "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "It is no Secret" Rol Thompson, Sax.  
them: "I Asked the Lord" Duncan - Sung by Karen Maloney

Sermon: "ONLY YO-YOS AND HORSES SHOULD GO UP AND DOWN"

Sermon Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 468 "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "Praise" Rowley  
- - - - - \*Congregation Standing - - - - -  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. George Pflugh in loving memory of their Daughter - Pamela Jean Pflugh.  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Robbie Vinroe, Brian Pfabe, Chris Pfabe, Bob Dellen and Gordon Kennedy  
Deacon and Mrs. Rodney Rensel will greet the Congregation and Friends at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Marlene Riemer, Cheryl Altemus and Kelley Shakely.  
Hospitalized: William Ohl and Mary Jane Weisenstein.  
The attendance last Sunday was 225.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship meeting.  
Tonight - 7:30 - Follow-up Committee Meeting  
Mike Nazaruk and Howard Bolam will be visiting the Hospital this week.  
Monday - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class meeting  
Tuesday - Brownies  
Tuesday - 7:00 - Building Planning Committee Meeting - very important.  
Wednesday - 7:30 - Golden Circle Meeting 6:00 Tuesday  
Thurs. - 10:30 - Mary Martha Circle Meeting 6:00 Tuesday  
Sun. - April 23 - Congregational Meeting - 7:00 P.M. 6:00 Tuesday  
This is important - The bids will be in - everyone is urged to attend.  
Vacation Bible School meeting at 7:00 P.M. on April 30th (Sunday evening) This meeting is for everyone involved. A filmstrip will be shown. Please try to be here - it will be an important meeting. Teachers books and material will be passed out at this time.  
"The Tuesday Musical Club of Butler is sponsoring a vocal and instrumental Sacred Music program in observance of National Music Week. The Program will be presented in the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 14th, at 7:30 P.M." The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Only Yo-Yos and Horses Should Go Up And Down"  
Text: 1 Sam 10:6; Scrip: 1 Sam 9:25-10:13

(Illus nan mannannyng woman + betr or wors + Jus as is  
How unlik gen rul of lif 4 we C othr peop need improv  
Ar we not quik 2 note"did U C so & so, or this/that?  
Ask avg pers if satisfy lif & get, If I cud liv over  
1 in pers wud lik chang is self  
over 1 tim thot how nic 2 start over Scum nu person  
but this mental exercis & prov nuthin, & wat need 2  
kno is & tak us rt pt lif wher we a & work with us  
such was cas Paul as red in Scrip As  
Paul=ancint by sam 1st K Is; sam giv instruc vs 5  
2B nu man vs G, nu identy, nu individ etc  
He cum obscur famil, may 3 wealthy but unknown  
at hap wen assum nu role? Vss 9-10 Fil K bp & go in  
strength Lord, at apex of lif  
King 2yrs went batl & Doubt sam cum=so act priest  
sam say no long 2B King=Paul down; then Jon o'cum  
Philis & up agin; but dwn agin bcuz rul no eat  
& tel othrow Amaleks & up agin, disobey & dwn agin  
& no lern lessn 2 keep eye on G not man, world etc  
to with us=sun lern/sun don't, may kno of & but  
advers cur & seek solv by self  
Satan plant DOUBT & gain doubt & promises made  
Astr ROMP=DOWN=UP=DOWN=UP=DOWN=UP etc  
(Illus preacher, man stateroom & distrust)  
his tru Doubt, distrust ever 1 includ selves,  
but & supply ansers 2 overcum=Js say leave leave U  
Isa 26:3=lead, explain leave, peace & no mean all perf  
nuthin joy, pleasur, sunshin  
Storm cloud thez part lif but & say midst this He  
impart peac canno comprehend unles experience  
E. 2 tim convers peop try relig as last resort  
(Illus girl & "Cud I cum and talk with U?")  
Examp of up & made girl ask me  
she Up & dwn in lif & G no want us 2B Yo-Yo, or horse  
We no on me ry go round  
G want our eyes on Him & wen Up/Dwn cum can o'cum  
thru Him  
& giv catchword=phil 4:13=I Can du all things thru Xp  
which strengtheneth me.  
No look 2 things, but 2 strength Xp knowing He work,  
work in us if let Him  
Mus B will rely His guidanc & no seek own way  
May experienc up/dwn secular lif but no need go  
up/dwn spiritu lif bcuz G giv us help, guid thru Xp  
Like " Paul we can B turn in2 nother pers by keep  
mind, tay on G, & by know can o'cum up/dwns thru Xp  
in all things lif.

"Only Yo-Yos And Horses Should Go Up And Down."

Text: 1 Samuel 10:6

Scripture: 1 Samuel ~~10~~ 9:25 - 10:13

(Illustration of woman marrying man, "For better or worse," & "Just as he is")  
How unlike the general rule of life, in that we can see where other people need improvements of all kinds in their lives. Aren't we quick to note, "Did you see that so and so did this or that? Why can't <sup>she</sup> ~~they~~ change the way <sup>she</sup> ~~they~~ acts?" Ask the average person if he is satisfied with his lot in life and you will get all sorts of, "If I had my life to live over I would do such and such." Or, "It's too bad that I couldn't have gotten into this work sooner in life." The one thing that most people would like to change if they could is themselves. Everyone at one time or another has thought and will think how nice it would be to start over; to become a new man or a new woman. But of course we realize that this is merely a mental exercise and proves nothing. What we need to know is that God is willing to take us right at this point in life and work with us in our present state.

Such was the case with Saul as we read in our Scripture for this morning. As we read in the first portion, Saul was anointed by Samuel as the first king of Israel. Samuel gives Saul instructions to go to the "hill of God" which was probably the city of Geba and there he was to meet a band of prophets. ~~xxxxxx~~  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Saul is told not only that he will prophesy but that he will, "Be turned into another man." He was going to become a new person. A new identity awaited him. Saul came from a family that was of little importance, although his father Kish was probably a wealthy man. From this obscure beginning he arose to become the first king of Israel. What happened once he had assumed this important role? We see that, (read vs 9 & 10). He was filled with the Holy Spirit. He had a power from within that no one could overcome. So Saul went forth in the strength of the Lord. He was at the apex of his life. But then after reigning for 2 years he went forth to do battle to overthrow the Philistines. He waited for 7 days for Samuel to come and to perform his priestly function. But Samuel did not appear, and Saul doubting that he would appear performs the ceremonial sacrifice before going into battle.



For this Saul is told by Samuel that his kingship is to be taken away from him.

At this point then Saul is down. But his son Jonathan makes a bold assault on the Philistines and through this Israel is able to overcome the Philistines at this point and Saul is up again. But he quickly is put down again because he had ruled that no one should eat anything that day, and his own son Jonathan ate honey following the battle and Saul would have had him put to death, but he was rescued from Saul.

It is then that we read that Saul is ordered by God to overthrow the Amalekites and to take no captives nor booty. Saul is up again, and goes forth into battle but disobeys God and takes King Agag alive as well as sheep and oxen. For this Samuel informs Saul that his kingship is taken away from him. So once again Saul is down.

Saul couldn't seem to learn the lesson which God had shown not only to him but to all of the people of Israel. They were to keep their eyes upon God and not look to man, or the world, or anything which would turn them from God. But you see this is the lesson all of us must learn. Unfortunately some do and some don't. We may know of God but when adversity comes into our lives we seek to solve it in our own strength. It is at this time that Satan plants doubts in our minds and we begin by first doubting God and His faithfulness to fulfill what He has promised for us. Once the doubt has begun to set in, then follows disobedience, despair, and distrust.

(Illus preacher and man sharing stateroom on ship and distrust of each other). This is very true to life because once we have started on the downward spiral we will have a tendency to doubt and distrust everything and everyone, including ourselves. But God has supplied the answers for us to overcome the doubts that will put us down. Jesus Himself tells us, "Peace I leave with you, my peace give I unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." We can know and have this peace if we are willing to put our lives in God's care and keeping. Isaiah the prophet shares this with us in the 26th chapter the 3rd verse when he said,

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee."

The original Hebrew reads, "Thou wilt keep him in peace, peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

The difference being that the peace stated here is a perfect peace. This doesn't mean that everyday is going to be filled with nothing but joy and pleasure, or sunshine only. There will certainly be storm clouds of turmoil and frustration for these are a part of everyday life. But God is saying that even in the midst of conflict and turmoil and strife, He will impart a peace that cannot be comprehended unless you experience it.

From time to time I am involved in conversations with people concerning the fears and frustrations they experience in their lives. Sometimes some of these people come out of an almost last ditch effort to do something about their lives. This almost always says to me, "Well, I've tried everything else, maybe I ought to try a little religion to see what may happen."

Not too long ago

At 10:00 that morning, a young lady came to church and worshiped on a particular Sunday morning. This girl has had some problems in her young life and was seeking direction. When she greeted me at the door without any warning she asked if she could come and talk to me. We made arrangements for her to do so and when she came into my office and sat down she began by stating, "I don't know where to begin. My life seems to be messed up and I don't know where to turn." After asking her some questions, I suggested we seek to get the spiritual side of her life in order and then try to deal with the other things. Making a long story short, she accepted Christ into her life and began to follow a prescribed course that I mapped out for her and her life has begun to change dramatically. It doesn't mean that all of her problems and concerns disappeared, for no way has this happened. But it does mean that where once she was seeking to solve her problems on her own, she is now doing it with God's strength and help. But the really interesting thing of all of this is the fact that during the sermon that morning she sat listening and the thought came to her that perhaps she should speak to me about her problems. And then she argued with herself that it would do no good.

She had made up her mind that she would not bother to ask me and when she greeted me at the door the words, "Can I talk to you sometime," blurted out of her mouth. Here you can see the evidence of the Holy Spirit bringing her to seek what God wanted for her life. She was up and down in life and you see God does not want us to be like "Yo - Yos, or horses on the merry go round." God wants us to have our eyes on Him, and then when the normal ups and downs of life come we can overcome them through Him.

Paul gives us the watchwords for our lives in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." But we need to be careful that we don't get this confused and get our eyes on "things" because this is what distracts so many people. Our strength should rest in Christ, knowing that He will work a work in us if we let Him. But we must be willing to rely upon His guidance and not seek our own way. We may experience our ups and downs in life as far as our secular lives go, but we do not need to be going up and down spiritually because God has given us the help and guidance we need through Christ. Like King Saul we can be turned into another person by keeping our minds stayed on God, and by knowing that we can overcome all ups and downs through Christ in all things of our lives.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Butler, Pennsylvania April 23, 1978  
Fifth Sunday in Eastertide  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard, Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Entrée" Dubois  
\*Processional Hymn No. 69 "God of the glorious sunshine"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Father, too often we have  
been involved in a meaningless round of activities.  
All of this has kept us busy but has brought no  
satisfaction. Forgive us for being self-centered,  
and grant us new strength through a renewed return to  
your will for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Job 10  
Highlights of St. Paul's  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Adagio" Dubois  
Anthem: "It is a Precious Thing" Peter  
Sung by Rob and Cyndie Sybert and the Chancel Choir  
Sermon: "Signs of the Times: Part 1 - The Disease"  
Sermon Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 217 "Rock of Ages"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "Pugetta" Dubois

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. William Zavacky, Sr. in memory of "Mother"  
Anna Zavacky.

Serving as Ushers today are \*Richard Mangel, Don  
Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.  
Deacon and Mrs. Steve Vargo will greet the Congregation  
and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Virginia Mangel,  
Ellen Master and Sherry McClimans

> The Congregational Meeting scheduled for this evening  
will be delayed one week. The meeting will be  
next week at 7:00 in order to get more bids back.  
> Vacation Bible School Teachers and Workers will have  
their meeting on May 7 at 7:00 P.M. (Sunday Evening)  
This meeting is for everyone involved. A filmstrip will  
be shown. Please try to be here - it will be an  
important meeting.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet will be coming up  
May 10. This will be sponsored by the Women's  
Fellowship. Ladies bring your Mother, daughter,  
or friend.

Walter Harmon and Chuck Penar will be visiting the  
Hospital during this week.

> Hospitalized - **RUTH PAVIET PHILAVANT**  
Wed. 26th - Board of Christian Education Meeting  
at 7:30 P.M.

> May 11 - Butler Fellowship of Churches Dinner - In  
conjunction with this Rev. Link will be on WBUT  
(Speak up) - April 28th at 12:30 P.M. with Wayne  
Alderson of Pitron and this will be explained.

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Our Father, we seek your help. We are powerless  
without you. We thank you for home and family, but  
we know that even in this realm we are not quite what  
we should be. We are cross at times and we treat  
others of our families badly. We know that we should  
be loving, but too often we are hateful. Our list could  
go on and on, but you know what we are and what we have  
done. So we earnestly pray that you will forgive  
us, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.



COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

SPACETTI PUNCH SAT 4-7

\*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 6:46-49

SERMON: "SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE DISASTER"

based on SERMON FR/ST. PAUL, BUTLER - 4/23/78

\*HYMN

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

LAIRD/THILG = EYM SUGAR

PAUL

SHARON - FRUIT

LAIRD/THILG - JANE

HANNAH

MATTHEW - FRUIT

- JANE



PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 7, 1997, AT COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH, SAGAMORE, PA.  
BAPTIST (A SERMON OF 4/23/78 PREACHED AT PAUL'S, BETHLEHEM)

SERMON LUK 6:46-49

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE DISEASE"

WOULD IMAGINE THAT IN ALMOST ALL CONGREGATIONS IN OUR NATION, AND PROBABLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THE NAME OF PRINCESS DIANA IS BEING USED TODAY. IN ALL PROBABILITY, ENTIRE SERVICES ARE BEING PREACHED BASED ON HER LIFE AND HER TRAGIC DEATH. NOT TO BE CRITICED BY ANY OF THEM I INCLUDE AT THIS POINT A REFERENCE TO THE LATE PRINCESS DIANA.

IT IS TRAGIC THAT SHE LOST HER LIFE IN SUCH A WAY AT SUCH AN EARLY AGE. BUT I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT HAD SHE NOT BEEN KILLED AS SHE WAS, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SHE WOULD DIE TRAGICALLY IN ANOTHER WAY. I SAY THIS BECAUSE DIANA WAS SUFFERING FROM A VERY DEADLY DISEASE. THE DISEASE IS NOT ONE WHICH STRIKES ROYALTY, OR FOR THAT MATTER A CERTAIN CLASS OF PEOPLE. INSTEAD IT IS A DISEASE THAT MUCH OF THE WORLD TODAY IS SUFFERING AND INSTEAD OF SEEKING THE CURE FOR IT, PEOPLE ARE DASHING HEADLONG INTO IT AND LETTING THEIR LIVES BE WASTED BY IT. THE DISEASE AS I CALL IT, IS, "WORLDLINESS". IT IS CURABLE BUT MOST PEOPLE INVOLVED IN IT ARE NOT WILLING TO TRY AND SUFFERING FROM IT. THE REASON IS SIMPLY THAT IT IS ONLY ONE OF THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES."

PEOPLE TODAY ARE CONFUSED AND BEMUSED BECAUSE MANY OF THEM DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO TURN. THIS IS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO CAN LIFT PEOPLE FROM THESE DOLDRUMS REMAIN SILENT AND I FAULT THE CHURCH FOR THIS. THOSE WITHIN THE CHURCH ARE NOT SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE RAMPANT WORLDLINESS THAT HAS SWEEPED ACROSS OUR NATION, AND THE WORLD. WE WAVE OUR ~~XXX~~ HANDS AND CRY OUT, "HOW CAN IT

GET ANY WORSE?" THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR OR KNOW THAT WE ARE LIVING IN THE END TIMES. IN FACT, IF YOU EVEN MENTION THAT IN SOME CIRCLES YOU ARE THOUGHT OF AS SOME SORT OF KOOK, OR A FANATIC OF GLOOM AND DOOM. WHY JUST LOOK AT HOW WONDERFUL THINGS ARE! THE STOCK MARKET CONTINUES TO SOAR EVERY DAY AND EVERY WEEK IT IS BETTER: UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT AN ALL TIME LOW: WE HAVE MORE OF EVERYTHING: AND NEVER IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY HAS EVERYTHING BEEN QUITE THIS GOOD.

BUT WHAT DO WE SEE AS THE RESULTS OF ALL OF THIS? CRIME IS AT ALL TIME HIGH: OUR PRISONS CANNOT HOLD THE PRISONERS, SO WE RELEASE MANY OF THEM AHEAD OF TIME AND THEY COMMIT OTHER CRIMES ALL OVER AGAIN: THE NEWS IS FULL OF REPORTS OF ROBBERIES, RAIDS, MURDER, THEFTS, FAMILY PROBLEMS, THE CLIMBING DIVORCE RATE: THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SINGLE MOTHERS, FATHERLESS CHILDREN, AND ON AND ON.

IN PREVIOUS TO OUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS MORNING JESUS WAS ADDRESSING NOT ONLY HIS IMMEDIATE DISCIPLES, BUT MANY OTHERS WHO WERE SIMPLY CALLED "HIS DISCIPLES." AT THE 20TH VERSE WE BEGIN READING WHAT IS LUKE'S VERSION OF THE BEATITUDES. HE POINTS OUT THAT THOSE WHO ARE POOR ARE BLESSED, AND ARE A PART OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, VERSE 20. THE WORD "BLESSED" MEANS "HAPPY." SO IT SHOULD READ, "HAPPY BE YE POOR." NOW THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT A PERSON IS SUPPOSED TO BE HILARIOUS IN THE MIDDLE OF POVERTY. HE IS SAYING THAT A "POOR PERSON," OR ONE WITHOUT ALL OF THE THINGS OF THE WORLD IS "BLESSED," OR "HAPPY," IN THE SENSE THAT PERSON DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WORLDLY GOODS BEING TAKEN FROM HIM. HE DOESN'T HAVE ALL OF THE CARES A WORLDLY PERSON HAS.

THEN JESUS GOES ON TO ADD A FEW MORE "HAPPYS" TO THAT LIST IN VERSES 21 AND 22. THEN IN VERSE



23 JESUS ADDS THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSON SHOULD LEAP FOR JOY BECAUSE THIS TYPE OF PERSON IS INCLUDED IN GOD'S PLAN AND GOD HAS REWARDS FOR THOSE WHO BELONG TO HIM.

THEN, IN THE NEXT 3 VERSES, JESUS POINTS OUT SOME "MOSES". THE WORD "MOSES" AS IT IS USED HERE,

IN OTHER PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE MEANS, "JUDGMENT" OR, "DAMNATION." LOOK AT THE LIST!

"JUDGMENT," OR "DAMNATION" TO THOSE WHO ARE RICH. JESUS SAYS THESE HAVE RECEIVED THEIR CON-  
SOLATION RIGHT HERE ON EARTH. THEY HAVE USED THEIR MEANS TO BUY AND SELL, AND TO GET MORE.

"JUDGMENT," OR, "DAMNATION" TO THOSE WHO HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO EAT AND WASTE WHAT THEY DO  
HAVE, FOR THERE WILL BE A TIME WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY AND WILL NOT GET SATISFIED. THIS MEANS NOT

SO MUCH A PHYSICAL HUNGER, BUT A SPIRITUAL HUNGER THAT WON'T BE SATISFIED. "JUDGMENT," OR,

"DAMNATION" TO THOSE WHO SEEM TO HAVE EVERYTHING GOING FOR THEM. THEY ARE SEEMINGLY CARE-FREE,  
ENJOYING LIFE TO ITS FULLEST, LAUGHING, PARTYING, CAREYING ON WITHOUT A CARE OR CONCERN IN THE

WORLD. THESE PEOPLE WILL "MOURN AND WEEP." CAN YOU PICTURE THE EVENTS OF THESE PAST FEW DAYS

HERE? THE RICH, ROYALTY, SEEMINGLY HAPPY, CAREFREE, WELL-TO-DO, NO CARES, CONCERNS OR WORRIES.

JESUS SAID AT ANOTHER TIME, "AS YE SOW, SO SHALL YE REAP." LIFE IS MORE THAN FUN AND GAMES.

THEN JESUS CLOSES THIS SECTION OF SCRIPTURE WITH THE WORDS OF VERSE 26. IF ALL MEN CAN SPEAK

WELL OF US WE HAVEN'T RUMPLED ANY FEATHERS; WE HAVEN'T BEEN LIVING THE COMMITTED LIFE. AS WE

LIVE OUR DAY TO DAY LIVES, IF WE STRIVING TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO

TAKE EXCEPTION TO WHAT WE SAY OR DO. BUT IF ALL PEOPLE CAN ONLY PRAISE US AS WALKING ANGELS,

WE ARE IN TROUBLE. SO HOW DO WE HANDLE THIS? WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE SIMPLE PARABLE JESUS

PUT FORTH IN THIS MORNING'S SCRIPTURE LESSON.

HE GIVES US TWO EXAMPLES HERE. THE ONE IS OF THE PERSON WHO HEARS AND OBEYS, AND THE  
OTHER IS THE PERSON WHO HEARS AND WHO DISOBEYS. LET'S LOOK AT THE DISOBEDIENT HEARER FIRST.

LOOK AT IT AGAIN AS WE READ IT IN THE 49th VERSE OF THIS CHAPTER. THE PERSON WHO HEARS AND

DOES NOT OBEY IS BUILDING THEIR HOUSE ON WEAK AND SHIFTING SAND. IF THERE IS NO FOUNDATION

UNDER THE BUILDING, IT CANNOT WITHSTAND THE STORMS WHICH WILL BEAT AGAINST IT.

WHAT KIND OF FOUNDATION WAS DIANNA'S LIFE BUILT ON? FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, SHE DIDN'T

KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS HER SAVIOR, OR IF SHE DID SHE DIDN'T LIVE LIKE IT. I HEARD ANOTHER ARABIAN

FRIEND OF MINE TELLING THAT SHE WAS FASCINATED BY EASTERN RELIGIONS AND BELIEVED IN RE-INCARNATION.

HE SAID THAT SHE WOULD COME BACK AS A BETTER ~~PERSON~~ PERSON IN ANOTHER LIFE. THIS IS NOT THE

TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIANITY. BUT SHE WAS TYPICAL OF SO MUCH OF THE WORLD, BUYING, ACCUMULATING

MORE AND MORE, DESIRING AND GETTING ALL OF THE LATEST FASHIONS AND TRINKETS AND BARRING THE

WORLD CAN DO OTHER. A MAN NAMED MICHAEL SANDERS TELLS OF A CAMPING EXPERIENCE HE AND HIS FAMILY

HAD IN MISSOURI.

(ILLUSTRATION OF MICHAEL SANDERS CAMPING TRIP WITH HIS FAMILY AND DOG)

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU CAN ACCUMULATE OR BUY EVERYTHING YOUR LITTLE HEART DESIRES?

JESUS SAID, "WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSES HIS SOUL." THERE

IS NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING NICE THINGS, OR NICE CLOTHES, OR GOOD FOOD. BUT HOW MANY SHIRTS CAN

WE WEAR AT ONE TIME? HOW MANY MEALS CAN YOU EAT AT ONE TIME? WHAT ARE OUR PRIORITIES IN LIFE?

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ PEOPLE CANNOT SAY IN THIS DAY AND AGE THEY ARE NOT HEARING THE

RIGHT THINGS FOR THEIR LIVES. EVERYDAY THERE ARE MANY PREACHERS ON THE RADIO PREACHING THE

GOSPEL. AND THERE ARE MANY PREACHERS ON TELEVISION DOING THE SAME. THE MESSAGE IS BEING



PREACHED BUT FOR MANY THEY DON'T WANT TO HEAR AND SO THEY PASS IT BY. JESUS SAYS THIS PERSON IS LIKE THE MAN WHO HEARS AND DOES NOT HEAR. MANY TIMES HE WOULD SAY TO HIM ACCORDING WITH THE WORDS, "WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR." BUT A PERSON WHO HEARS AND DOES NOT HEAR, IS A PERSON WHO HAS NO FOUNDATION AND WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE OVERTAKE THAT PERSON, HIS LITTLE WORLD COLLAPSES AND FALLS APART. WE NEED SOMETHING TO HOLD ON TO, SOMETHING THAT WILL SUSTAIN US WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE OVERCOME US AS THEY DO IN ALL OF OUR LIVES. AND JUST WHAT IS THAT? JESUS EXPLAINS IT IN VERSES 47 AND 48. THE SECRET IS "THE PERSON WHO HEARS HIS WORDS AND DOES THEM." THAT MAN HAS A FIRM FOUNDATION TO HOLD HIM WITHSTAND THE PROBLEMS AND TROUBLES OF LIFE.

(ILLUSTRATION OF LITTLE BOY FALLING DOWNSTAIRS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS "HANDHOLDER")

God wants to be our HANDHOLDER THROUGHOUT ALL OF LIFE. HE WANTS TO HOLD OUR HAND IN LIFE AND IN DEATH. HE TELLS US IN THE 106th PSALM, "CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE: I WILL DELIVER YOU, AND YOU SHALL GLORIFY ME." HE WANTS US TO REACH OUT TO HIM BECAUSE IN REALITY HE IS FIRST REACHING OUT TO US. AND WITH OUR HAND FIRMLY CLASPED IN THE HAND OF THE ALMIGHTY THERE IS NOT A FORCE OR POWER ON EARTH THAT CAN PULL US APART.

"Signs Of The Times: The Disease"

Text: Job 10:12-19; Scripture: Job 10

Remind sod 2 import messags Apr; 2day 1st/no 3cuz I pr  
Wor stat flux all nats/peop & sik lik afflict with  
universal disease,

Few yr ago musical="Stop Aprl I want 2 get off"  
As feel many peop, so 3fudl, 3wild events aroun us  
many wud gladly giv anythin 2 hav peac, quiet  
Job such a man, read 1st chap wat man he was=1:1-3  
welthy Byon compar, but Blong 2 G=1:1b & 5  
G tel Satan bout Job=1:8, & Sat mak barg with G bou  
Job & G let, but no kill

Job lose, fam, frends, prop, possess, health, & he brok man  
Thus cum 2 scrip this AM & he lament & say vss 12-19  
WHY WAS I BORN? Many peop say same 2day, why G afflic  
Why me & not him? But U C it SIGNS OF THE TIMES

U & I hear peop say, "WHEN WIL IT ALL END? EHING SO  
BAD CUD NO GET WOR, read news, radio, kil, steal etc  
But lk this 2 way & 1 is worldly scientif scholar eye  
other is 2 lk thru G's Word & 2day, nex wk do this  
#1=Start begin=Mt 24; Js cum 2 Jeru 1alm Sun, explain  
Eues, red, B4 arrest expl 1-14

Do we not hear & G of earthquak, famin, pestil alarm Ra  
Buzn't this giv us paus 2 pondr wat it mean?

Then thoz scof, sneer wen preach say liv LATTER DAYS  
I willingly risk scof, sneer, but no1 can convinc me  
we not liv LATTER DAYS, days preced RAPTURE of CHUR  
Js say=vs 12 & this fulfil 2day=in church & in peop  
Peter writ 2 Apians 2 strengthen them & 2nd Peter  
tell of ;atter days & 3rd chap expound wat Js say 12  
READ & EXPL 3:1-4=Apostacy Paul, Petr, Js predict &  
this happn 2day &="THE DISEASE" of "SIGNS OF THE TIMES"  
I s teach no spok or tol many ch 3cuz no want scare  
peop

We 2 enlighten 2 Bliev anythin canno 3 prov or seen  
G is G of luv & 4giv, 4get anythin jus try liv rt  
But betr kno G same G promis Isites His wrath wen  
disobey & do own thing & will punish us as well  
G is luv, but He want us acapt His free luv giv 2 us,  
& hav us liv His way & not our own

World rampant with DISBEL, unBlief, immoral & all sin  
Thru it all G stil proms 2 thoz who follo=CALL  
UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUB: I WIL BE LVR TRUL, &  
THOU SHALT GLORIFY ME Is 50:15

He prom tho surroun by Disease yet overcum thru Him  
(Illus littl boy fall dwn step & lose handholder)  
This wat G want 4 us, 2hol our hand in lif/deth  
He want us 2 reach out, 3cuz He reach 1st 2 us,  
I ask=Rom 8:35; he anser 8:37-39 & this shud 3 our  
strength in midst DISEASE of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES

## "Signs Of The Times: Part 1 - The Disease"

Text: Job 10:19

Scripture: Job 10

On Easter Sunday I announced that the last two Sundays of April I would share with you two messages which could be the most important messages you may ever hear. But I must add again, not because I am preaching them, but because of the content of the messages themselves.

The world today is in a state of flux in all nations and among all people. The "Signs Of The Times," are such that we see the world sick much like it has been afflicted with a universal disease. Several years ago a musical appeared on Broadway entitled, "Stop The World, I Want To Get Off." We may think of this as being rather amusing, but it expresses the feeling of so many people today. We have come to a point in our lives where we are so befuddled, and bewildered by the events all around us that many, many, people would gladly give ~~ix~~ anything to have peace and quiet.

Job was just such a man. We read in the first chapter of Job just what sort of man he was, (read chapter 1, vs 1 to 3. Looking at his life from the standpoint of material goods and possessions, he was wealthy beyond compare. But along with this Job was a man who belonged to God, vs 1b, vs 5.

We know from later events that Satan appeared before God and God told him about Job, (read 1:8). Satan then makes a bargain with God that he will take everything from Job and that Job will end up cursing God. God agrees to this ~~only~~ with the stipulation that Satan cannot take Job's life. So Job is afflicted.

He loses his wife, his sons, daughters, his cattle, property, everything is taken from him including his health. He is a broken man. It appears as though all of the world is against him and as we read in the 10th chapter of Job this morning, he laments his very life. (read and interpret 10:1-17). He says, "Why was I born?", vs 18-19. He adds, "let me die and go to my grave," vs 20-22.

His cry and lament of Job is much like so many people today. "Why was I ever born?" What did I do to deserve this? Why is God afflicting me while so and so seems to get by with no problems?" But you see, it is the "Sign Of The Times!"

I hear from people all of the time, and I am sure you do as well, who say, "I wonder where it is all going to end. Things are so bad now I don't see how they can get any worse." We read <sup>of it</sup> in the papers, and see it on the news about bombings and murders, kidnappings, muggings, rapes, unrest, strikes, family problems, the climbing divorce rate, suicides, and all other sorts of things that threaten to blow our very minds if there is no relief from it soon.

But ~~as~~ there are two ways to look at all of this. One is through the eye of the world striving to interpret it in a scholarly and scientific light. The other is to look at it through God's Word. To understand it more fully perhaps we need to say that this week we are looking at the "Signs of The Times: Part 1 - The Disease," and next week we will be looking at "Part 2 - The Cure."

Now when we look at the "Signs of The Times," through the Word of God we must first start at the beginning. Jesus had come into Jerusalem and had been hailed as He that came in the name of the Lord. On Tuesday or Wednesday of that week before He was arrested and taken for trial, He had gone into the Temple again and had come out. We read and see this in Matthew 24. ~~His disciples ask Him~~ We read that His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the Temple, vs 1. This probably means that they remarked ~~about~~ about the beauty of the Temple, and this is what Luke tells us in the 21st chapter of his Gospel. But Jesus remarks, (read vs 2), and He was probably making reference to the destruction of the Temple which took place in 70AD. They went to the Mount of Olives and sat there upon the slopes and the disciples began to question Him about His return because they had heard Him tell of His kingdom to come. So Jesus begins to explain this to them. First, He gives them the Signs of The Times," so they will be able to recognize them. They are recorded for us so that we may have an understanding of what will take place in the latter days. (Read vs 4-14, and explain). Then Jesus goes on to tell about the Tribulation Period which is to follow. Now what Jesus is talking about here is what is called the "Rapture." We shall go into more detail next week about this aspect of it, and I would like us to look at some of the things Jesus has said which would happen. Can't we see and say that the times we live in lack



discription? Do we not see and hear of earthquakes, famines, pestilences and  
forth at an alarming rate? Doesn't this give us pause to ponder just what  
all of this means? There are those who scoff and sneer when a preacher raises  
the point of living in the "latter days," and I willingly risk your scoffing  
and sneering at this, but no one can convince me we are not living in the  
"Latter Days," or the days immediately preceeding them.

But one further point which Jesus made and is in evidence today is a fulfill-  
ment of some of His words. We read this in vs 12. The world has plunged into  
the worst of sin in all places and areas of life, including the church. And the  
love of many for that which was Godly and right <sup>has either gradually or</sup> ~~ix~~ suddenly turned cold.

Peter, ~~the~~ one of the closest disciples to Jesus wrote two letters to Christians  
to strengthen them in their walk with the Lord. The second letter tells of the  
latter days. In the 3rd chapter Peter expounds this very thing which Jesus  
said in the 12th verse of Matthew 24.

ead vs 1-4). This is the apostacy that has been predicted would come about  
by both Peter and Paul, and Jesus himself. This is what is happening today,  
and is the "Disease" involved in the "Signs Of The Times." This is a teaching  
that is not being spoken of, or told in many congregations because we have be-  
come too enlightened to believe this type of nonsense which can't be proven  
scientifically. Besides that, we may scare someone and God doesn't want any-  
one ~~scared~~ scared because He is a God of love and will forgive and forget any-  
thing. But what we better know is that ~~the~~ the ~~same~~ God who promised His wrath  
upon the Israelites if they disobeyed Him and did their own thing, is the  
same God who will punish those who refuse His free offer of love today. We  
better know and believe that God is love, but He wants us to do things in His  
way and not our own.

The world and life is rampant with the "Disease" of unbelief, immorality, and  
in of all kinds. But through it all God still promises to lead and direct and  
love. He still promises to those who will follow, "Call upon Me in the day of  
trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." (Ps 50:15). He prom-  
ises that although we may be surrounded by the "Disease" of the Signs Of The

Times," yet we can overcome it through Him. He promises that the world shall not overcome us, but instead, we shall overcome the world.

(Illustration little boy falling down stairs and losing "his handholder")

This is what God wants to be for us, the one who holds our hand in life and in death. He wants us to reach out to Him because in reality He is first reaching out to us. And with our hand firmly clasped in the hand of Almighty God there is not a force or power on earth that <sup>CAN</sup> pull us apart. Listen to what Paul states in the 8th chapter of his letter to the Romans, (read vs 35). Then he answers his questions with the affirmative answers, (read vs 37-39). This should be our strength as well in the midst of the "Disease," of the, "Signs Of The Times."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Sixth Sunday in Eastertide April 30, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist an  
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert - Youth Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard, Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Sonata II" Mendelssohn  
Call to Worship "Jesus Jesus" Youth Choir  
\*Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Gracious God, our Father, we know that the Home is where the heart is, but too often we confess our desire to be elsewhere. We treat our homes as merely a place to come to when we have no where else to go. We ask forgiveness for the times we have spread dissention at home instead of peace; for hatred instead of love; for misery instead of joy. Let us be more thankful for what we have and less envious of the things of our neighbors. Help us to build our homes upon that solid rock foundation which can withstand the storms of life, even Jesus Christ our Lord. In His name. Amen."  
\*Prayer Response - "Corporate Prayer" - Youth  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-13  
Hymn No. 213 "O Lord, turn not Thy face away"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
C ering

Offertory "Meditation" Massenet  
Baptism of Child: Timothy Paul Vensel - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vensel.  
Anthem: "Pass It On" Kurt Kaiser - Youth Choir  
Sermon: "Signs Of The Times: Part 2 - The Cure"  
Sermon Solo: "The King is Coming" Bill Gaither  
Sung by Lloyd Link  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "Joy"  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. William Pflugh in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Mike Nazaruk, Gottlob Kradel, Roy Andrews, James McClymonds.  
Elder and Mrs. Howard Bolam will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Gloria Walker and JoAnn Nagy.  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Nellie Hughes, Lonnie Rensel.  
Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams - Baseline Hospital - Grove City. Mr. Roy Andrews - Citizens Gen. Hos. - New Ken.  
Mary Lou Davis and Norma Knauer will be visiting the hospital this coming week.  
The attendance last Sunday was 195.  
Tonight - 7:00 - Congregational Meeting - The bids are in and will be presented.  
Today - 3:00 - St. John's - Meridian - All those who visited other churches and other interested people can attend.  
Next Sunday - May 7 - Paul Westcoat, Penn West Conference Minister will be here at 2:30 P.M. All interested can attend.  
Wed. - 7:30 - Church Council Meeting  
Thurs. - Newsletter will be published and please have all material in by Wednesday.  
Next Sunday - May 7 - 7:00 P.M. - Vacation Bible School Meeting. A filmstrip will be shown. Please try to be here - it is an important meeting. This Meeting is for everyone involved.  
May 7 - 2-5 "An Open Door" at Butler Co. Comm. College.  
May 7 - 3 - Classical music at First English Lutheran Ch.

"Signs Of The Times: Part 2 - The Cure"  
Text: 1 Thess 5:2; Scripture: Mt. 25:1-13

Last wk spok prt 1=Disease, all worl afflic

2day prt 2=Cure 4 Signs Of Times

As ap: looked at worl cond get wors, wors & despair,  
futilty condit caus, & looked at wat G's word had  
s plans and ansers 2 all this.

On a cert day in histry event will shake entir worl

So supernat words will no describ,

cud B 2day, 2morow, next yr, etc 4 no1 know cept G  
(illus eye witness driver, Tv newsman etc)

report lik this cum from all media, but if U hear &

C, U will hav missed the actual event if in our lifetime

Js say this scrip th=Exegete scrip

5 Virgins=ch mems, individs, other 5=incompl ch mem, ind

5 preped, 5 no prep: Bridegroom=Js, & Bride=Church

Vs 13=B alert, watch, cud B 2day, 2morow etc

This called RAFTUR=snatch out, 2 take away & 1nce agi  
talk sunthin peop no want Bliev, or face Bcuz unBliev  
& eerie

Consider: Steamboat, telephone, records tapes, Tv

Walk on moon July 20, 1969=saw, heard, 1st hand

Is this mor Blievble than coming Js Ap?

If say impossib, sed this about all others 2 & yet

we saw many impossibs cum 2 pass our lifetime

Explain: Raptur precede 7 yr Trib=Biblical

RAFTUR remov, saved, Born Again from worl 34 Tribulati

Scrip pt 2 Js coming=1st Jn 14:2-3

Acts 1:9-11

Apostle Paul 1st Thessa ~~4:13-5:2~~ 4:13-5:2

Exegete: precede/prevent; 7 trumpets 1sites"move out

Vs 2, compar 2 wat Js sed scrip this abt Virgins

3. WAY THEN IS THE CURE FOR THE DILEMA OF THE SIGNS  
OF THE TIMES?

THE ANSWER IS 2B PREPARED AT ALL TIMES 4 THE COMING  
OF JS AP. 2B PREPARED & REDDY WILL MEAN THAT WE R IN  
A POSITION TO MEET WITH HIM.

WE NEED 2 PREPARE WHO ARE TO COMING AGAIN

NO1 KNOWS WHEN OR HOW SOON THAT DAY MAY COM

SURE WE 1 PREPARE WHICH IS A CERTAINTY IS THAT THE

THING IS COMING ----Lloyd sings solo

Do you know that if Ip wer 2 cum 2day UR reddy?

Ther R several things I wud ask U2 considr 2day,

1st hav U accepted Him as Ur L & Sav? Do U kno this?

2nd hav U perhaps bakslidden & need 2 cum & rededicate  
urself?

Don't B concern for hus, wif, they cannot go 2 heav4U  
Garg, no mak car, hosp no mak Dr etc/burnt roast betr

burn hell, cum 4ward



"Signs Of The Times: Part 2 - The Cure"

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:2

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

last week we spoke on Part 1 of this two part message. We spoke of the "Signs Of The Times" as being like some universal "Disease" affecting and afflicting all of us. Today I would like to speak on Part 2 of the "Signs Of The Times," and this involves the "Cure."

Briefly recapping a portion of what we said last week you will recall that we spoke of the world conditions getting worse and worse and the despair and sense of futility with which these conditions are met. We looked at this from the standpoint of God's Word and what His plan and answers are to all of this.

Today we are going to look at God's "Cure" for the "Disease," of the "Signs Of  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 The Times" ~~in~~ in which we live. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ history (In a certain  
 day in history an event is going to shake the entire world. This event will be  
 so supernatural that mortal words and descriptions will be unable to describe it.  
 It could happen today, or tomorrow, or it may happen in several years, or months,  
 or it may not happen for several hundreds of years. No one knows the exact time  
 and date except God. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~and it should happen in our life~~  
~~time and we are able to read, and see it on television and hear about it on the~~  
~~radio, we can be certain that we were not a part of it and we will~~

A newspaper will record perhaps the eye witness account by a motorist driving along a freeway. The man would say, "All I know is that I was driving along in the usual heavy flow of traffic with vehicles in front, in back and some alongside of me and suddenly some of those vehicles started veering off the highway in all different directions. Those of us who stopped to assist at the various accidents discovered that the cars did not have drivers."

A TV newsman describing the event would perhaps say, "Today, one of the wierdest events occurred in the world's history ever to be recorded. In homes, offices, factories, mills, and elsewhere, people suddenly disappeared. It isn't that they never existed, because they did. They didn't just faint, or die, they just disappeared from where they were. This left machines running in mills and suddenly metal, and fabric which was normally controlled by a person running a machine was now pouring forth making a total mess of all production in many plants. Washing machines, and driers, dishwashers and all sorts of appliances were suddenly left to their own devices unattended by housewives. Trains and bussess suddenly ground to a halt, electricity was blacked out, telephone service was interrupted. All of this took place today and scientists are at a

loss as to its cause. We hope to have further explanations in the next few days to explain this sudden phenomena."

Reports such as this would be coming forth from all of the news media. But if you or I are able to hear the accounts by radio, or see it on television, or read it in the newspaper, then we will have missed the actual event, should this take place in our lifetime. This is exactly what Jesus was saying in the portion we read as Scripture for this morning.

The interpretation of this is very simple: First we see the characters of this drama as it unfolds. The <sup>10</sup>22 virgins stand for several things. First, they stand for the Church, or they stand for individuals. The <sup>5</sup>12 wise virgins are the ones who are Church members as Church members should be, or they are individuals who belong to the Lord. In any event they are totally prepared. The <sup>5</sup>12 unwise virgins are either Church members who are not complete Church members, or they are individuals who are outside of the will of God. <sup>those living</sup> So for this illustration they are called wise and unwise. The ~~wisewomen~~ unwise took lamps, but no oil, but the wise took oil and lamps. They each awaited the arrival of the "Bridegroom." The "Bridegroom" in this instance is Jesus Christ. At midnight, which of course would be an unexpected time to arrive, it is said that the "Bridegroom" ~~is coming~~ is coming. Each of the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, vs 7, the wise added oil, but the unwise did not have extra oil, vs 8. So they asked for oil, vs 8, but were told to go out and buy oil, vs 9. So while they were gone for more oil the "Bridegroom" came, vs 10, and they were locked out. So when they finally did arrive, vs 11, they asked entrance, and the ~~Lord~~ "Bridegroom" would not admit them, vs 12. In fact, He would not recognize them in any way. ~~the~~ This tells in story form of the return of Christ for his Church. The analogy is that of the coming of the "Bridegroom" which is Christ, for His "Bride" which is the Church. Jesus Himself gives the admonition to us as found in the 13th verse, (read). No one knows the hour or the day, so watch, be alert, for it could be today, or tomorrow.

What we are talking about is what is called "The Rapture." The word itself means "to snatch out," or, "to take away." And once again we are speaking about something that many people do not want to face or believe, ~~because it all sounds so~~

because it all sounds so eerie and unbelievable. But let us consider something out our own lives for a minute. ~~Back in the 1920's when radio first~~ Man has always told of being able to accomplish things which were scoffed at. Fulton told of making a boat capable of being propelled through the water by steam. People laughed and said he was crazy. But was he? Bell told of perfecting a machine you could talk into one end, and the other end would let you hear someone speaking from another place. They laughed at him, but today we can not only talk from one house to another in our community but we can call anywhere in the world. Edison talked of making a machine that would record the human voice speaking or singing and preserve it on a disk. From this we not only have records but we can record on a tape such as we do each Sunday morning. Back in the 1920's it was predicted that a picture of something happening somewhere else could be transmitted elsewhere, and from this we have television whereby we can see events that are happening in almost any part of the world. People laughed when they said man would some day fly, and what happened?

But the most astounding thing that you and I have seen and known in our lifetimes involves something that made us smile when we heard of it years ago. Remember when we read stories of Flash Jordan and Buck Rogers and how they traveled through space in rockets? The stories told of going to other planets, and all of this was big joke to everyone. But on July 20, 1969 we sat in front of our television sets and actually saw an American step out of a space traveling vehicle and walk on the surface of the moon. We saw it, and we heard it. We didn't get it from a newspaper the next day or so. We were witnesses to it FIRSTHAND.

Is an event such as this more unbelievable than the coming again of Jesus Christ for His church? So if you are finding something like this ~~is~~ difficult to believe and are saying it is impossible, just remember how many impossibles almost all of us have witnessed in our lifetimes.

What we need to understand first of all is that this Rapture, or the coming of Christ for His Church is going to take place and immediately precede the 7 year



period of time known as the "Tribulation." This will be a period involving  
re hardship and distresses in the lives of those living through it, than you or  
I could imagine at this time. This is all Scriptural and not ~~xxxx~~ something  
man has made up. But Scripture points out in so many places that this is going  
to take place so that the "saved" or "Born Again" people of God will not have to  
endure the period of Tribulation. But that is another story which we should  
cover at another time. Let us look instead at what God's Word has to show us of  
the coming of Christ. In the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus speak-  
ing to His disciples and telling them of this said in vs 2 and 3 said, (read).  
In the 1st chapter of the book of Acts in vs 9 through 11, that Jesus was  
going to return in the same way as He went, (read this portion).

But the Apostle Paul went to some length to explain what was going to be when  
this event, "The Rapture" takes place. There are different references to it  
in different portions of his letters, but this morning I would like to share  
with you the explanation as it is found in his first letter to the Thessalonians  
in the 4th and 5th chapters. Beginning with the 13th verse of chapter 4, let us  
look at this portion of Scripture.

Exegete and explain this portion of Scripture: (In the 15th vs, it should read,  
"Precede" instead of "prevent.")

(Verse 17, point out that when the Israelites moved from place to place in the  
wilderness, each morning there were 7 trumpets. Each one signified something,  
prepare to break camp, fold tents, and so on. The last trumpet, the 7th, meant,  
"Move out)."

(Verse 2 of chapter 5, compare this to the 10 virgins as found in our Scripture  
this morning.)

So what then is the "Cure" for the "Disease" of the "Signs Of The Times?" The  
answer is to be prepared at all times for the coming of Jesus Christ. To be  
prepared and ready will mean that we are in a proper relationship with Jesus  
Christ. We need to know that the King is Coming again. No one knows when or  
how soon that day may come. But the one thing that is a certainty more than  
anything else you and I may know and that is, "The King Is Coming." (Solo)



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Christian Family Week May 7, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Kelly Shakely and Tim Fry - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "A Song of Hope" Mueller  
\*Processional Hymn No. 193 "Spirit of God"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Father, give us the spirit  
Your Son has promised us; to make us honest people  
again; to know and face the truth; to see ourselves  
and cease from laying our defections at your door;  
to see your only goodness in our desperate need for you.  
Forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Numbers 11:16-30  
Hymn No. 188 "Holy Spirit, Truth divine"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Adagio" Mozart  
Anthem: "Treasures in Heaven" Clokey  
Sermon: "PAR"  
Hymn No. 191 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "Song of Joy" Mueller

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Grace Riddle in memory of "Husband"  
Serving as Ushers today are: Allen Botacchi, Dan  
Bosko, Robert Knauer and Charles Penar.  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Carney will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Brad and Judy  
Vince and Ellen Master.  
Hospitalized: Mark Fry, Lonnie Rensel  
Eleanor McWilliams, United Community Hospital, Oak  
Hills Facility, Grove City; Roy Andrews, Citizens  
General Hosp. New Kensington.  
Our Church is to conduct the worship services at  
Sunnyview tomorrow. We will meet in the lounge  
just inside the main entrance. We invite anyone  
who has the time to join us at the service.  
Miss Ruth Davies would like to thank the members of  
the Congregation who sent her cards while she was in  
the Passavant hospital.  
The Confirmation pictures are in and orders can be  
taken. They are really beautiful at \$4.00 each.  
The envelopes enclosed with your Newsletter will be  
given to the St. Paul's Home - Greenville. This  
is an annual donation that is taken around Mother's  
Day. It can be put in offering plate any time this  
month. If you need additional envelopes you can find  
them in the Narthex.  
Today - 2:30 - Rev. Paul Westcoat will be here on the  
UCC Concerns - The Three Churches will meet here.  
Anyone interested is invited. Coffee and cookies will  
be furnished if you need an enticement.  
Tonight 6-8 - Youth Fellowship Meeting  
Tonight 7 - Vacation Bible School Meeting- Important  
Everyone involved should be here. Materials will  
be distributed and a filmstrip will be shown.  
Next Saturday - Women's Fellowship Luncheon put on by  
Women's Commission of Butler Fellowship of Churches  
Mrs. Denny Knauff, Grove City will present program  
"Operation Sail of '76". Mrs. Kathryn Bancroft has  
tickets - \$2.50 - YMCA (Phillips Room)  
Wed. - Mother Daughter Banquet - see Women's Fellowship  
News.  
Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Sherman  
who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Ann. 9th.

# "PAR"

Text: Numbers 11:29; Scripture: Numbers 11:15-30

Expl PAR = how lrg golf match etc bring 2 mind spring  
(11 = dentist & fil 18 hol) this is PAR=perf score  
PAR 4 conse=normal, but G has PAR 2 & scrip gud examp  
XAG: Red 3 tel Mos wat He do livs thez peop Israel  
I need scrip tel peop bunch gripers, compainrs & thez  
peop no outsid Ch: thez peop worship & folo comms  
Needles 2 say still hav sum same peop Ch 2day & main  
purp 2 grip, compl anythin go on, & R unwill let G  
lead, gudi, direct

Ther4 lessons 28 found this chap wel worth note 2d  
leop mirac delivr from enslav undr Egypt's,

Now free & travl 2 prom land, but look bak 2 food etc  
G supply manna, but overlook G & gudness, want meat  
Mos ledr thez ungratful peop & feel tremend burdn

& cry out vss 11-15=He say, Turn me loos this ungod B  
Many time I h-v felt & feel same burdn of Moses

vss 16-17=but G hears & He sed,

" 18-20=G say how He afflict peop Bcz disobed etc

" 21-22=Mos quest amt meat G mus supply

" 23= G anser so Mos kno mirac 2 happen again

" 24= Mos apponit 70 elders & plac aroun Tabernacle

" 25=Same Spirit giv by G 2 elders

" 26-28=2 Elds stay bak, Spirit, yng man, Joshua & Mos

" 29=Mos wish & this show us G's PAR

1st=G command Mos get 70 elders, but who?

vs 16=Whom thou knowest, etc & this sho exist already

He no say, YOU & YOU, come with me

Expl ex 18, Jethro Pinlaw, Mos judg AM 2 PM & Jeth tel  
wat 2 do=vs 25 (AM), & here grndwork 4 70 elders

This means thez men ~~PAR~~ PREPARED & this we need 2kno

any total unprep 4any ministry in congre & sum R  
indif 2 this & ask 30 WHAT?

Ask 4 peop 2 serv, teach, help, & no1 qualified,

Yet same peop point prid 2-30, 40, yrs mor as members

& in all t is time no prep any kind & this sad

commentary on Ch 2day

2=Available=They do work & wait in wings & cal vs 24

No bothr Mos impatient 2B used or quit=Available

G want us 2B this way

Also C wat hap other 2 in camp, no flop bunk & sleep,

They Availble 2 & H Spirit cum 2 them as well

This bring benef of B prep & Avail at all times

2 oft Ch peop C commit as only cum 2 Ch 1nc wk &

receiv fil & this last til next week

Expl PARGLOR & this hap 2 Eldad & Medad

2underst G PAR=need 2B Prep, Avail, Ready or RESIGNATI  
Illus Nun in Congo, U stay & if necess U die)  
This sompl commit & requir Faith trust G no matttr wat

3 lettrs 2gethr & PAR.G formula & mak possib Vs 29

# "Fair"

Text: Numbers 11:29; Scripture: Numbers 11:16-30

(Illustration of Dentist and must fill 18 cavities)

At this time of the year a small word creeps into our lives in several ways.

It may come in the form of the televising of ~~golf~~ large golf matches around the country or through the men of the house talking about their prowess in playing the game. But one thing is certain and that is, the word ~~fair~~ means something to each of us. If we apply the word to the game of golf it means the expert score for a hole, or for the entire course. If we say something is, "fair for the course," we mean of course that it is what is normal. Well surprisingly to some, God has a ~~fair~~ as well. We can see it and read of it throughout all of God's Word, but I would like to share it with you in the portion of Scripture we used as our Scripture for this morning.

As we read this scripture we were seeing what God was telling Moses He would do in the lives of the people of Israel. The preceeding portions of Scripture pointed out very vividly that these people were a bunch of gripers and complainers. Mind now that we are not talking about a group of people who <sup>WERE</sup> outside of the Church. These were the people who ~~were not outside of the Church~~ worshiped God and strove to follow after His Commandments. Needless to say we still have some of the same people in the Church today whose main purpose seems to be to gripe and complain about anything that goes on, and are unwilling to let God lead and guide and direct. So therefore, the lessons to be found in this particular chapter are well worth our noting today.

These people had been miraculously delivered from the enslavement they had borne as a heavy burden under the Egyptians. Now they were free and were traveling under God's direction to the Promised Land. Many of them were harking back to the days in Egypt when their daily ration of food included a little more variety than they now had. God was miraculously feeding them manna each day and supplying their needs. But they weren't satisfied. They demanded meat.

Moses, the leader of these ungrateful people was feeling the tremendous burden and responsibility placed upon him. He was to be the leader of them and he was to show them how and what God wanted done. But by their stubborn refusal to listen to what God wanted, the burden of this became very heavy for Moses and so



he cried out in anguish to God, vs 11-15. He was saying in effect, "Turn me loose from this ungodly bunch." ~~xxxxxx~~ There are times I can truthfully say that I believe I ~~xxxxxx~~ have felt, and feel a like response in me.

But God hears, and knows our problems and so He said to Moses, vs 16-17. But then God goes on to say how He is going to afflict the people because of their refusal to accept His guidance and help in their lives, vs 18-20. The tremendous amount of meat required to feed all these people staggers the imagination of Moses and so he inquires of God, vs 21-22. God answers in such a way that Moses is assured that God is going to do something miraculous again, vs 23.

So we read that Moses went out and got the 70 elders of the people and placed them around the Tabernacle, vs 24. God took His Holy Spirit and poured it upon the elders, vs 25. It sounds as though some of the Spirit was removed from Moses but actually what is being pointed out is that the same Spirit in Moses was given to the elders and they were able to prophecy and perform this miracle the same as Moses.

But a strange thing happened and this involved 2 of the elders who did not go out to the Tabernacle with the others. Although Eldad and Medad did not go out yet, they were filled with the Holy Spirit as well and they too prophesied in the camp where they were, vs 26. ~~xxxxxx~~ A young man ran out of the camp to tell Moses, vs 27, and Joshua tells Moses to stop them, vs 28. Moses concerned about this asks Joshua if he is just concerned about his reputation and then adds that he wished all of God's people were filled with His Holy Spirit, vs 29.

Now from this particular passage of Scripture we can determine just what is laid for us according to God's standards.

The first thing we see is the command to Moses from God to get 70 elders from the people. But who was he to select? The 16th verse points out, "Whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them," (read this).

This would indicate that these people were already appointed and in existence.

He wasn't going to just go into the midst of the people and say, "You, you, and you, come with me." If we look at the 18th chapter of Exodus we see that Moses' Father-in-law came to visit him. While there, Jethro observed that Moses had to



help the people with their problems sitting in judgement from morning until night. Jethro counsels Moses about this and tells him that he is going to wear himself out by doing this and what he needs to do is to appoint leaders of each tribe to listen to the problems of the people and to settle them. Then, when there is a big problem that could be brought to Moses for solution. So Moses does this and we read <sup>OF THIS</sup> in the 25th verse of Exodus 18, ~~that Moses does this~~. Here then is the groundwork laid ~~for this~~ for the future selection of 70 elders as requested by God. This means these men were prepared. This is something more of us need to get into a little more deeply. Too many of us are totally unprepared for the ministry we need to have in our particular congregation and what's more, we seem to take an indifferent attitude that we are unprepared. "So what?", seems to be the prevailing attitude at times. We ask for teachers or helpers and no one is qualified. Yet, these same people will point with pride to being members of the congregation for 20, 30, or 40 years or more. In all of that time surely there must have been some preparation. But there hasn't and this is the sad commentary of the state of the church today.

Next we see that these men were available. They were going about their daily tasks working among the people and standing in the wings so to speak. We do not read of them pestering Moses or champing at the bit impatiently wanting to be used or they were going to quit. They just went about their tasks awaiting the call of God and it came to them as we read in vs 24. <sup>God wants us to be available for His call.</sup> And if we have prepared ourselves properly, we will be ready for His call to service. But along with being available they were ready. Moses called them and they went with him. But we also see pointed out that the 2 who remained in the camp did not flop on a bunk in their tent and sleep through all of this. No, they were ready as well, and because they were ready the Holy Spirit came upon them and also filled them in a miraculous way.

This is one of the fringe benefits of being prepared, available and ready at all times. Too often church people look upon their commitment as only coming to church once a week and that is where you receive your filling of God's Spirit and it will last you until the next week. One recent phenomena which has come to the fore in recent years is that called, "Afterglow." This is the added blessings

which will come into hearts and lives of people after a prayer group or meeting has been held. It is just like something that God adds to lives of people who were not even in attendance, but perhaps were prayed for. This is what actually took place in the lives of Eldad and Medad.

In order to understand what God's "AAR" is for each of us we need to be "prepared," we need to be "Available," and we need to be "Ready." Put the first letter of each word together and you have "AAR." But more importantly, you have the formula that God wants for each of us.

Perhaps another word that we could substitute for "Ready" would be the word, "Resignation." Resignation is to be dedicated to the task no matter what the cost. This is actually what God wants us to do.

(Illustration of nun in Congo, and "You star, and if necessary, you die.")

This is a commitment which requires a complete faith and trust that God will be with us, no matter what.

But this is exactly what God's AAR is for us. It means that we are "prepared" and that we need to be "Available," and that we are "Ready," or "Resigned" to do God's will and bidding. Put the first letters of these words together and you have the word, "AAR." This is God's formula for us, and it would make it possible that, "All the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them," (read this vs 29).

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Pentecost (Whitsunday) May 14, 1978  
Mother's Day - Festival of the Christian Home  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist  
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Youth Choir Director  
Kelly Shakely, Tim Fry - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude Suite Gothique Boellmann  
Call to Worship "Jesus, Jesus"  
\*Processional Hymn No. 21 "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Father, too often we have  
been involved in a meaningless round of activities.  
All of this has kept us busy but has brought no satis-  
faction. Forgive us for being self-centered, and grant  
us new strength through a renewed return to your will  
for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."  
\*Kyrice (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Prayer Response - Corporate Prayer  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Ephesians 5: 15-33  
Hymn No. 472 "What a friend we have in Jesus"  
Family Creed  
\*We believe in God, our heavenly Father, who has ordained  
that people should live together in families, finding  
joy and fellowship in mutual sharing.  
We believe in our children, that they are a sacred trust  
as well as a joyous responsibility; that they have a need  
for Christian teaching as a part of their total training  
for Christian citizenship. We believe in the church as an  
institution established through the wisdom of God for the  
propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, through personal  
work, teaching in church and home, and the ministry of the  
Word.  
We believe in the importance of religion in our homes

for laying the foundations for courageous Christian  
living and for providing each member of the family  
with strength for daily living.  
We believe that the spirit of Jesus Christ in the lives  
of individuals can transform home life to the extent  
that its members will find peace and happiness and  
power for radiant living. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Who's Who in the Pew

Offering

Offertory "Processional"

Handel

Anthem "I Cannot Keep from Singing"

Hunnicutt

Youth Choir and Rol Thompson, Sax

Sermon: "SAFETY VALVES AND BAND-AIDS"

Hymn No. 356 "O perfect Love"

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude "Fontasia"

Bach

----- \*Congregation Standing -----

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vensel in memory of their son Jon  
Herbert Vensel and Ron's Parents - Mr. & Mrs. John  
Vensel.

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Steve Vargo and Gottlob Kradel

Deacon and Mrs. Richard Mangel will greet the Congregation  
and Visitors at the door this morning.

Ministry will be provided today by: Mrs. Linda

McMillin, Debra Johnston, and Lynne Bosko.

> Hospital: Mrs. Mae Dutter - ECMH: Eleanor McWilliams

Grove City - United Community Hospital.

The Congregation is cordially invited to the Wedding

of Dale Link and Lianne Murray - Sat. May 27, at 2:00 P.M.

at Trinity Methodist Church, New Bloomfield, Pa.. If

you plan to go let one of the Link Family know.

> We need to know how many will be going to the Lake

Eric Assoc. meeting next Sun. May 21, in Fredonia.

> Tonight - 6-8 Youth Fellowship: 6:30 - Prayer and Sharing

Mon. - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class Meeting

Thurs. - 6:30 - Butler Area Layman's Dinner - Ladies Nite

St. Peters UCC - Zellinople, - See Chuck Pe J. W. Harris

No CHANGE PAGE WILL

Text: "Safety Valves And Band-Aids"  
Ph 5:21; Scrip: Ph. 5:19-33

(111: women's lib & G isn't dead, trust her)  
Gud & amp twist, warp society 3cum  
1 Vestcoat say last wk, breakdown fam serious prob 2da  
sed preach this last 3 yrs, & Bliev get wors daily  
Marry M Day, F day but insted need Fam Day & concentra  
get fam back 2gether as unit  
G ordain fam unit & no separ 2M 2 receiv spec prais  
" giv mank fam unit & we 2 operat within structure  
Gen 2:18=no gud man 3 alone  
" 2:20b-25=create woman & establish family  
But mor than just marriage man/wom & 2 spel out deta  
vs 21-Lk 2 G 4 ansers lif prob marry or singl  
vss 22-24= eop Ph say= 'omen suppos 2B serv nts  
vs 25=But wat this? I say we 2 luv lik Ip Now, ~~xxxx~~  
vss 26-29 this tuf 2 tak boggle mind  
vss 30-31=I say wen sed man need help in Gen  
vs 32= G t is as mystery  
vs 33=luv ea other as self & mutual luv 2gether  
From union cum childrn & mak M&F, but tak both  
illus homo stil need F by proxy 2 perpet sin 2day  
& plan 4 prop continu mank thru mar & no other way  
So why fuss? Ther M's 23 honr & F's as well, but rever  
Char contrasts 2 sho wat G want from famly also  
(Illus boy 2 books=M cookbook, Dad checkbook)  
Humorous but tru & gud home estab by both, & other val  
(Illus finish book, lost boy)  
Contrast=boy & My Dad Knows God  
Gud ever boy & abl say of Dad & Mom both  
(Illus girl, dance, argue, mother die)  
G rast=boy, visit shut-in, pray B better & cook lik M  
Here shin 4th M luv point child rt direction  
2save fams 2day need Safty Valvs & Band-Aids  
Expl-work & safty valvs on boilers, test etc  
Safty Valv=Mom & she keep marag even keel,  
it tak her wisd & guid, encouragment etc  
she grtest influ in home & this import 2day  
Husbands shud 3 Band-Aids=anglo sax=Band of house  
If he this, he Band keep & hold 2gether, no mean all  
revolv round him, but he stabiliz influ many situat  
Aqul import hav both=Safty Valv & Band-Aids  
Shar Illus Meanest Mother)  
Childrn shud say not only of M but F as well  
only wen M&F tak responsib serius will socie chang  
U wive Safty Valvs? U Hubs R U Band-Aids?  
Ain, separ, divorce RU work partic famly?  
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~~don't retain et seat (it went~~



### "Safety Valves And Band-Aids"

Text: Ephesians 5:21; Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-33

(Illustration of women's libbers and "God Isn't Dead, Trust Her")

~~Today we have a distinct difference between Mother's Day and Father's Day, but we must not~~

This is a good example of how twisted and warped our society has become. Our Conference Minister Paul Westcoat remarked last week that he feels the breakdown of the home is one of the biggest problems we face in our nation today. This is something I have preached and said for the last 3 years. I believe that with each passing day the situation becomes more critical. Each year we are very careful to set aside a certain day in May to observe as Mother's Day, and we set aside a certain day in June to observe as Father's Day. But I believe we need ~~to~~ to concentrate on getting the family together as a unit, instead of wasting our time and energy striving to sing praises to Father and Mother when ~~that~~ many of those Father's and Mothers are not fit to bear the name. All of this has grown into a huge commercial venture with the only object in mind to separate you and me from our money in order to do this honoring.

God has ordained the family unit and He doesn't separate father or mother to receive special praise for being a father or mother. He has given mankind the family unit and it is within this structure that we are each to operate and have our own special functions. After God had created man we read in Genesis that He stated it was not good for man to be alone, (read Gen 2:18.) It was at this point then that He created woman, vss 20b-25, (read). Here then is the establishment of the family. But there is more than a man and woman becoming man and wife through marriage and Paul spells this out in much more detail as we read in our Scripture for this morning. Let us turn again to this portion of Scripture. He The first big thing which Paul points out is, (read vs 21). In the "Fear of God." This means to look to Him in expectation for the answers to life's problems in the marital state, or in the single state.

But then Paul goes on to cover the duties involved in marriage, vss 22-24, Read. I can well imagine how many of the people in Ephesus must have felt when these lines were read to them, especially the men. "See, didn't I tell you that women are supposed to be our servants and wait on us hand and foot. Doesn't this

prove what we have been saying all along?"

Then the words were read as Paul continued his inspired writing a little further, (read vs 25) "But wait a minute. What's this?" All of a sudden things have suddenly taken a turn for the worse. "As Christ loved His Church!" "Why that means a sacrificial love, and a husband is expected to do that for his wife?" (Read vs 26-29). This means then that we men are to have a love such as God had for the Church, toward our wives. Wow! Isn't that mind boggling?

Vss 30-31, Here we see what God was saying when He said that man needed a help meet in Genesis. They were to form a new relationship together, husband and wife. Paul recognized this as a mystery, vs 32, but he closes this portion of Scripture with the words, vs 33. It is to be a mutual love and respect together. But what determines whether two people live up to what God wants this marital arrangement to be? The answer of course is the end result of it. For usually from this union comes children and children are what makes a woman a mother, and a man a father. We need to realize that it takes both to make a sound marriage.

A woman cannot be a mother by herself, nor can a man be a father by himself, it takes both a man and a woman, and I don't care what the female homo-sexuals are saying about becoming mothers by artificial insemination today. In order to have this sin perpetrated on society it requires the donation of the seed which must come from a proxy father, but a man nevertheless. God's plan for the proper continuance of mankind is through marriage and no other way.

So why all the fuss? Simply this. There are mothers who deserve to be honored today, and there are fathers as well. But there are also mothers and fathers who are completely unfit to be called by those names.

~~that we need in our society today are the right kind of fathers and mothers who~~  
~~not know what it means right now, but by the time it is finished I trust that you~~  
~~will know~~

I would like to share with you some contrasts which we need to look at and I trust they will help us to see what God wants our families to be.

(Illustration of boy and the two books which helped his life the most).

This may be humorous, but it has a germ of truth running through it, for without these two books no good home could be established. But there are other values which must be shared as well.

(Illustration of the finished book, but the lost boy).

Father's must earn a living, but whatever time is available, the love which can be given, should be shared. Contrast this story with the story of another boy.

(Illustration of boy arguing, "My dad knows God").

This is what every child should be able to say of his father. Father's need to know the Lord if they are going to be the fathers they should be.

~~xxxxxxxx~~ Or how about the story of the girl who wanted to go to a certain dance and her mother ~~xx~~ did not want her to go; (Illus of this girl, mother died). This would be a sad thing for that girl to bear the rest of her days. But again contrast that story with the one of another mother;

(Illustration of little <sup>boy</sup> ~~girl~~ visiting shut-ins, and her prayer that night).

He again shines forth an example of a mother's love which was pointing her child in the right direction.

In order to have good families in today's society we need "Safety Valves And Band-Aids." I am sure that almost all of us know what a safety valve is. I ~~xxxx~~ worked for some years in the engine room of an office building in downtown Pittsburgh. Part of my job was to keep the machinery in running order. This machinery included some large hot water boilers. On top of these boilers was a safety valve. The pressure in those tanks had to be kept at a certain level and degree, and the temperature had to be watched rather closely. From time to time we would test the valves by releasing some of the steam. When the lever was pulled a burst of raw ~~xx~~ scalding hot steam was released. In every good marriage there is a safety valve. That safety valve is the wife and mother. It is she who helps to keep the ship of state on an even keel by her wisdom and guidance in most circumstances. It is the wife and mother who has the greatest influence in the home. This is more important today than at any other time. Many times in our marriage my wife has given off a little excess steam which shows that the valve still works. By this I mean there have been days I have come home and she



~~has shared with me her life and her thoughts which may have been~~  
~~it in the same way, my husband I have had the opportunity to be the~~  
~~sounding board and lend the support needed to keep the steam at a proper level~~

But it works the other way around as well. Husbands should be the "Band-aids" of the marriage. The anglo-saxon word for husband simply means, "The band of the house." If a husband is the "Band-aid of the family, it means he is the band which keeps and holds them together. It doesn't mean that everything revolves around him, but that he is the stabilizing influence in <sup>many situations.</sup> ~~situations.~~ But equally important is that both husband and wife share as "Safety Valves And Band-Aids," ~~depending upon the situation, both can be one or the other at different~~  
~~times~~

One woman wrote of her mother something I would like to share with you this morning.

(Read the illustration of the "Meanest Mother")

This is what our children should be able to say not only about their mother, but also about their father. Naturally we realize that this is how children should be raised even in our permissive society. It is only when both fathers and mothers take their responsibilities seriously all over our country that we are going to see a turn around of the problems in our society today.

~~During the singing of the last hymn I would like to ask husbands and wives and~~  
~~their children to come forward and~~

You wives and mothers here today, are you the Safety Valves you should be in your family? You husbands and fathers, are you the Band-aids you should be? You who are single, or separated, widowed, or divorced, are you working in your particular family as you should? I am going to ask those of you who want to do so, to come forward during the singing of the last hymn and let us set ourselves and our families apart for God to use and direct. Those of you who wish to remain at your seats may do so as well.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Trinity Sunday May 21, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Lori Zavacky, Sandy Ferree - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Karg-Elert  
\*Processional Hymn No. 30 "Come, we who love the Lord"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation

\*Confession - (In Unison) - "O God, it is easier for us to call you Lord than it is to do what your Lordship requires. We enlist in your causes but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous but find ourselves giving in to fear. We want to be sensitive but find it easy to be hard. We fail to see and take advantage of the great opportunities surrounding us. Forgive us, our Father, Take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Grant us this grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)

\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

\*Praise

\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips

\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

\*Doxology No. 551

Scripture: Psalm 100

Highlights of St. Paul's

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Who's Who in the Pew

Offering

Offertory "Go Not Far" Zingarelli - Chancel Choir

Anthem: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Howdy Bolam and

Chancel Choir with Rol Thompson, flute

\* Mon: "HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?"

Hymn No. 299 "Lead on, O King eternal!"

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude: "Agnecourt Hymn" Dunstable

-----\*Congregation Standing-----

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mrs. Kenneth Tressler in memory of her "Parents"

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Robbie Vinroe, Brian

Pfabe, Chris Pfabe, Bob Dellen and Gordon Kennedy.

Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will be at the door this

morning to greet the Congregation and Visitors.

Nursery will be provided today by Barb Andrews,

Beth Burns and Laurel Stauffer

Bill Thompson and Roy Andrews will be visiting at the

Hospital this week.

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Mae Dutter - BCMH; Eleanor

McWilliams - Sunnyview; Arthur Covert - V.A. Hospital.

> Today - We will have 20 going to Lake Erie Association

Meeting this afternoon at Fredonia. We will all meet

at the Church at 1:30 P.M.

Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship Meeting

> June 4 - Congregational Meeting at 10:00 o'clock

Service (notice the time change will be on June 4),

The Congregation at this time will be notified as

to how we are going to borrow the money on the new

Educational Building.

No one signed up in the office last week, or left us

know that they are graduating. Please let us know

if you are graduating from College, High School or

trade school.

> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Pre-registration is now in

progress. We would like to have everyone registered

by June 4th. We need to know how many are coming

so we can order materials.

Wed. - 7:30 - Constitution Revision Committee.

Don't forget to pick up your Confirmation Pictures.

The price is \$4.00.

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Almighty God, we thank you for the health and strength

you give us to earn our keep. Give us not only thank-

ful hearts, but a new desire to do all labor well.

Forgive us for any strife or discord we may create in

our work. Free us from causing problems with our fellow

workers. Let us love instead of hate, and cleanse

us once again. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord

en.

"How Do You Spell Relief?"

Text: Psalm 100; Scripture: Psalm 100

(Illus: Chas Lindley, blk ex-slave pastor Phila)

How, "HOW DO U SPELL RELIEF?"=Shirl=relief, Re=relief

Thez spels bad as V=Volaidz & real spel in Bible  
scrip this an giv anser enuf 2 help any1 hav relief  
Vs 1-3 Thankful & this Lindley did & was & G relieve

Thankfulness mus cum in 66rm submission

How is say this?=Vs 3b & this say G in charge  
He in control, He shepherd & we sheep, follow Him  
Do sheep tel sherp wat 2 do? Do parents let child tel  
Most don't, but permiss societ sum do & fail miserabl  
Parents point way Bcuz, experienc, age & so on  
G lik this & kno wat need & giv 2 us even tho we  
cannot C wat purpos our livs serv

(Illus woman Wash DC & no C Wash Monument)

This mattr no B abl 2C forest 4 trees

If cud stan bak & C whol pictur perhap underst  
But G no giv whol pictur & only litl at time & so  
mus thank Him 4 His wisdom in doing this 4 us  
Vs 1-3 Joyful=2 canno do if fil with grief, sorro  
This no mean lif all smiles, G no want this nor duz  
He expect it 4 He kno wen deth, ilnes, suffr cum, we  
sad, hurt, cry, mourn

But He want us 2 rise abuv circumstanc & C joy in  
midst them

(Illus Mr. Rainy & joy in his life)

If aroun may B shambls & utter chaos reign, but if  
King in residenc of harts we can hav joy  
How many felt Joy at rain this wk? I didn't at 1st  
(examp of flood lawn, no grass, & O G it yours etc)

Found Joy in rain & help lift me abuv rain, dreary  
Up: Bros hate yng 1, sell slavry, he afflic suffr  
Yet suffr & afflict gav nexess pcep 23 gentl leadr  
Why all turn out as it did? Bcuz he trust G

Read=Gen 50:20

Vs 4b=raise=this mos difficult 4 any1,  
difficult Bcuz past circumst & nothin ther 2 praise  
or present & ther nothing 2 praise G 4 either  
But G want 2 show us that if trust Him He will  
bring 4th gud out of all circumstances

(Illus Am Carey & burned printing plant)

How many us cud do this? Or how many cud pray as Js  
did=Thank U 4 bringing me 2 this hour"

Wen think this we kno G offr self as Sacrif of prais  
4uz we need 2 prais G 4 all things Bcuz wot gud from  
Need 2 hav vision of cross & no probs prais G then<sup>evil</sup>

(Illus Rachel Saint) Ho U Spel Relief? Worl spel;

Volaid, Alk self, pills, bottle but 1s=Vs 3=God

4 this let us show 4th=Thanks, Joy, raise

## "How Do You Spell Relief?"

Scripture: Psalm 100

(Illustration of Charles A. Tindley, black ex-slave pastor in Philadelphia)

Now how do you spell relief? I asked Shirley this the other day and she said "Releif," which of course is wrong since it is spelled, "Releaf." Of course in case you haven't discovered by now, these spellings are as bad as the one on TV which spells it, "Relaids." But the proper way to spell relief is found in many portions of Scripture, but basically it is found many times in the Psalms. Our Scripture for this morning spells relief in a manner which can assist anyone to find and have relief no matter what the problem or trouble may be.

What the 100th Psalm points out to us is that first of all we are to be Thankful. This is what Charles A. Tindley did. Although his child had died during the night, and they had nothing to eat, he thanked God for what he did have, and God sent relief even while he was thanking God for it.

This thankfulness then must come in the form of submission. How does the Psalmist express this? Look at verse 3, "It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." He is the one in charge of our lives. We can control nothing, but He can control all. It is He that is the shepherd and not we. We cannot tell Him what to do, He must tell us. As a Father He must be in charge. Do parents let their children tell them what they are going to do and do it? Unfortunately we must say that in today's permissive society some are striving to raise children in this manner and are finding out they are failing miserably because of it. But normally we know that parents try to point their children in the right direction because they are older and wiser, and have been through some things which qualifies them to give direction in this manner. The same is true of God. He knows what we need and what we don't need. He seeks to give us the things we need even though we often cannot see what purpose some parts of our lives serve. Many times we are like the lady who went to Washington D.C. on a tour. The group was whisked all over the place and finally they were herded into an elevator and taken to the top of the Washington Monument. The lady looked all around and said, "Oh, isn't it wonderful?"



Why I can see all the points of interest. There's the Capitol, the White House, and the Lincoln Memorial, But where is the Washington Monument?"

It is a matter of not being able to see the forest for the trees. If we could stand back and see the whole picture, perhaps we could understand. But God doesn't choose to give us the whole picture. He gives it to us a little at a time and so we must be thankful to Him for what we can see and observe, and trust Him for the rest of it.

~~Now let's see what the psalmist tells us in verse 4, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving," but then he adds, "And into His courts with praise." Praise, is the second element we just needed to the first.~~

The Psalmist tells us that the second element we need is to give forth joy.

In verse 1 we read, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." You cannot make a joyful noise if you are filled with sadness and grief. This doesn't mean that there are only to be smiles through all of life. God doesn't want that, nor does He expect it. He knows that when a loved one dies, or there is illness, or suffering we become sad, and grieve, and cry. But what He does want is that we rise above a lot of circumstances of life and see joy in the midst of them. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (Illustration of Principal Rainy and joy in his life, #602 -2400 Illus)

Life around us may be a shambles and utter chaos may reign, but if the King is in residence in our hearts we can have joy. How many of us felt joy at all the rain we had this week? I felt like most of you when the rain continued to fall without letup. But I got up one morning and looked out at the flooded brown portion of ground on which I had planted grass seed and I thought, "Oh no, the seed is either going to rot, or float away." But then the thought came to me that it is not mine to worry over. At this point I said to God, "Well God, it's your ground, and your seed, and if you want me to have mud instead of grass, I'll take it," and thank you for it." Do you know what? The grass is starting to sprout and it looks as though it will grow after all. But I found myself whistling at different times during the dreary spell and it made things go just that much better. It was then that I began to recall how God has promised that



He will show us He is with us even in the most dreary hour of day or night. Look at the story of a family which had been told by God that a younger brother was going to be their leader. The brothers hated him, and sold him into slavery. He suffered and was afflicted for years. Yet this suffering and affliction gave him the necessary preparation to be a kind and gentle leader. Why did all of this turn out as it did? Because he trusted God to bring joy out of his suffering. Read what he said in Genesis 50:20, (read).

The third element the Psalmist points out to us for relief is praise. In the middle of verse 4 we are told to enter "into His courts with praise." This is the most difficult part for any of us. It is difficult because we may know of our past circumstances and we cannot find much there to praise God for. Or we may look at the present and there doesn't seem to be much there to praise God for, or the future may give no hint of anything to be praising God for either. But what God wants is for us to trust Him to show us that out of all circumstances He will bring forth good.

(Illustration of William Carey the missionary and printing plant burned)

How many of us could do as he did? Or how many of us could pray as Jesus did saying, "Thank you God for bringing me to this hour?" When we think in terms such as this we see that God Himself offered a sacrifice of praise for us.

We need to praise God for all things because He always brings good from evil. We need to have a vision of the cross and then we will have no problems with praising God.

(Illustration of Rachel Saint and baptized by the man who killed her father)

"How do you spell relief?" The world may spell it Valoids, or Alka-Seltzer, or dispense it from a pill box, or drink it from a bottle; but the Psalmist points it out to us in plain and simple language in the beginning of the 3rd verse of the 100th Psalm. "Know ye that the Lord He is God." Relief is spelled, "D," God. For this let us show ~~know~~ forth thanks, joy, and praise.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Second Sunday After Pentecost May 28, 1978  
The Rev. Jack Levin, Guest Minister  
Mrs. Wallace Feder, Organist  
Mr. Howard Bolam, Liturgist  
Lori Zavacky, Sandy Ferree - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude: "Come Holy Ghost" Wilson  
\*Processional Hymn No. 322 "The Church's one Foundation"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "Lord God, our Saviour, you have been faithful in your promise to deliver us from the guilt of our sins, and make us acceptable to you and your kingdom. But too often I have not been faithful in following my promise to obey your will, and I have not loved my neighbors and enemies. I humbly ask forgiveness, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\* Laymen: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Acts 8:26-29  
Hymn No. 254 "Jesus, I live to Thee"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "O Lord of Rest" Wilson  
Solo "I Believe" Karen Maloney  
Sermon: "THE CONVERSION OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL"  
Hymn No. 221 "My faith looks up to Thee"  
Benediction and Threesfold Amen  
Postlude "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. James Stewart in loving memory of her Husband - Jimmy.  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Don Kingsley, Richard Mangel, Art Carney and Gary Penar.  
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by: Chris Gibbs, and Pauline Fencil.  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Zoa Morrison and Mrs. Lillian Kradel. Mrs. Mae Dutter would like to thank everyone for their Get Well Cards and Prayers.  
Don't forget next week we will have a time change in Church School and Morning Worship. Church School will be at 9:00 and Morning Worship at 10:00. There will also be Junior Church during the Morning Worship Service.  
Holy Communion will be next Sunday at 10:00 in the Pews. Holy Communion will be next Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Altar.  
We wish to thank The Rev. Jack Levin for being with us today and bringing the message.  
Our thanks to Elder Howdy Bolam for serving as Liturgist today.  
Rev. Link will be back next Sunday. Dale was married yesterday.  
Congregation meeting will be next Sunday after the Service for the purpose of telling the Congregation where the Church will borrow the money to finance the new Educational Building.  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Pre-registration is now in progress. The registration forms are in the Narthex. We would like to have everyone registered by June 4th (next Sunday). We need to know how many are coming so we can order materials.  
Mr. Arthur Covert - Veterans Hospital  
Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams - Sunnyview  
Next Sunday afternoon - 2:30 - UCC Concerns meeting with three Church here at 2:30 P.M.  
Daily Bread Booklets are in the Narthex - if you wish to leave a donation - a box is provided.  
Western Penna. Bible Conference - June 18-25, Slippery Rock, Pa. Leaflets in Narthex.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Third Sunday After Pentecost June 4, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Minister  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist  
Robin Knauer, Beth Feder - Acolytes

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 A.M.

Prelude "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn 184 "All hail the power of Jesus' name":  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Alternate Order of Communion Page 32  
Scripture: Luke 22:7-20  
Hymn No. 338 "According to Thy gracious word"  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Gloria Patri  
Announcements  
Offering  
Offertory: "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Bach  
Solo: "Going My Way" Copeland - Sung by Rob Sybert  
accompanist - Cyndie Sybert - Piano  
Sermon: "TAKE AND DO"  
Communion Hymn 341 "Here, O my Lord"  
\*Alternate Order of Communion Page 33  
The Communion  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
\*Hymn of Thanksgiving 182 "Fairest Lord Jesus!"  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude "Come, Holy Ghost" Armsdorf  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Ann Williams in loving memory of her "Husband" -  
Woody.  
Serving Communion today: Richard Mangel, Charles Penar,  
Bill Thompson, Howard Bolam and Norma Knauer.  
Deacon and Mrs. William Thompson will greet the Congrega-  
tion at the door this morning.  
The Communion Cards are in the Pew holders. If you are  
visiting please put either your Pastor or Church and  
dress on the back of the card and they will be forwarded.  
Tonight at 7:30 - Holy Communion at the Altar.  
Next Sunday at 7:30 - Grange Hymn Sing - Congregation  
and friends are invited.

Nursery will be provided today by Dru Rensel and Lori  
Zavacky.

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Zoa Morrison and Mrs. Lillian  
Kradel. *EVELYN INAKELY, REV. C. J. J. AND STEVEN J. W.*  
Mrs. Peg Snider would like to thank the Congregation  
for the Tapes - Tape Player and the person who delivers  
them to her each week.

> Next Saturday the Youth Fellowship are going to have  
a car wash and Pancake breakfast here at the Church.  
\$2.00 for Car Wash and Pancake breakfast for driver,  
each additional passenger \$1.00 each. *8:00 to 1:00*  
The Youth Fellowship are on a Retreat at Cooks Forest  
Friday evening thru Tonight.

If we are going to make Church School worth while -  
bring your children and stay yourself. There are a  
lot of good classes for everyone - Church School is  
at 9:00 and Morning Worship at 10:00. Junior Church  
will be led by *Liz Armstrong and David Smith*

> today after the Service - a short Congregational  
meeting for the purpose of explaining where we will  
borrow the money for the new Educational Building. *DIS*

> Today - 2:30 - Meeting with the 3 other Churches on  
U. C. C. Concerns here at our Church.  
Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dale Link on their  
Wedding last Saturday a week ago.

> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Please register today for  
Vacation Bible School. June 19-22nd; 26th - 29th  
at 6:30 in the evening until 8:00 P.M. each evening.  
There is a different age group for everyone in the  
Family. Registration forms are in the Narthex.  
We need to know how much material to buy - so please  
register today. *ADULTS - GROWTH*

> Teacher's training will begin this Fall for anyone  
interested in teaching or just self development.  
Wed. - 7:30 - Church Council meeting.

Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published, please  
have all material in by Wednesday.

> June 25 - Church in the Park and Picnic - It was really  
nice last year and I am sure you will enjoy it.

> Wed. 21 - Young Congregationists from Newton Fall,  
Ohio will be here. Rev. James Keough will lead this  
Group in singing. We still need placed for 1 couple,  
4 boys and 7 girls. Please contact Pastor or Ben if  
you can help. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



### "Take And Do"

Text: Luke 22:17; ~~18~~ & 19;

Scripture: Luke 22:7-20

Jesus had fulfilled about 3 or 3½ years of His public ministry and was now at the point of sharing the Feast of the Passover with His disciples. So He sent His two trusted disciples, Peter and John to a certain place in the city where they were to meet a man and make the necessary arrangements. Thus, all of the details had been worked out and they assembled in what we have come to know as "The Upper Room." At this point in the beginning of the meal Jesus speaks to His disciples and He said, "With desire I have desired, etc, vs 15-16." This meal has come to be known as the "Lord's Supper," just as the prayer He taught His disciples has come to be known as the "Lord's Prayer." But ironically in both of these forms are to be found two elements which are demands upon each of us if we truly want to be followers of Him.

The first thing we see that Jesus did was to take the cup, vs 17, and to share it with them. But He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves." This was not only a command to partake of the wine, but to "RECEIVE IT." ~~TEXTURE~~ ~~SOMETHING~~ (Illustration of boy and uncle offering nickles and dimes)

The boy was not only smart enough not to shut off his supply of money, but he was smart enough to know that he had to take it to be able to have it. This is what Jesus was imparting to His disciples in this Last Supper. But it was also the message He had imparted ~~xxx~~ throughout all of His ministry. He had invited anyone to "Take" His words, to rely upon Him, to receive that which He offered so freely. "Take my yoke upon you for my burden is easy and my yoke is light." This meant to grasp, to lay hold of, to reach out and utterly "Take" what Jesus had to offer. And even in His last moments among those He loved, He thought enough of them that He wanted them to receive that which He had to offer.

But also in all of Jesus' life was to be found another element and this required something on the part of those who did come and "Take." We find this spelled out in the 19th verse, (read verse). He said, "This Do." This means to not only receive, or "take" the wine and the bread, but to "Do" this in remembrance of Him.



To "Do" is to be involved in an action on our part. But what action is involved?

can answer this by asking what ~~action~~ was being signified by the actions of Jesus following this "Last Supper" with His friends? The answer of course is the action of the Sacrifice of Himself for mankind, and in that action is to be found "Forgiveness." So we not only "Take" what Jesus is offering us, but we "Do" something about it. The first thing we must "Do" after "Taking" that which Jesus given to us, is to emulate Him.

(Illustration of King George IV and forgiving a loitering messenger)

This is the first requirement,; to forgive as we are forgiven. But this is difficult and does not come easy. Can we think of anyone this morning we have not forgiven in our hearts. If there is a grudge or sore spot there caused by someone's doing something to us we must forgive them in order to receive the forgiveness of God. Let us each just reflect a ~~moment~~ moment on this and ask God's forgiveness for them, and for us as well, for any bitterness which may be there. Let us pray for a moment.

But we must also realize that it not only takes our forgiving of others to be forgiven, but it also takes another type of action as well. In another portion of Scripture Jesus said, "Do unto others." And again this is difficult.

(Illustration of missionary, Japanese soldier, and "Take and eat.")

This soldier was willing to show what he had learned from Jesus' teachings. Maybe we haven't exactly been willing to "do" just exactly what Jesus demands of ~~us~~ us and we may wonder why life does not hold the joy which it should. What we need to realize is that we must first get ourselves ~~xxx~~ in a proper relationship with the Lord, and then other things are going to fall into place. Let us each one reflect for a moment of how we may be acting toward others, or how we may be treating ~~xxxx~~ others and then are wondering why our lives are not right. Let us look to God again briefly in prayer.

Now I would invite all of you who profess a belief in Jesus Christ to come with me and let us gather around His table.

(Poem: "Come To This Table") Come now, and let us eat and drink; let us first "Take", and then let us go forth and "Do."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
July Communion (Altar) June 4, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Rosemarie Bowman, Guest Organist

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION - 7:30

Prelude  
\*Hymn No. 8 "Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
\*Ascription  
\*Invocation  
Scripture: Responsive Reading #47 - Page 596  
Offering  
Offertory  
Communion Meditation: "Common Elements"  
Communion Hymn No. 204 "Break Thou the bread of life"  
\*Alternate Order of Communion Page 32  
The Communion  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
\*Hymn of Thanksgiving 278 "O Love that wilt not let me go"  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----

We invite all Christians regardless of denomination to  
partake of the Lord's Supper with us.

Please fill out a Communion card so that our Church's  
records are accurate. You will find them in the  
receptacle on the back of the pews.

If visitors will put either the name and address of  
their church on their Pastor's name and address on  
the back of the communion card, it will be forwarded.

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE TROUBLE KNEELING PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO STAND.

THE GRADUATION FOR OUR NEW MULTI-  
PURPOSE AUD. IS SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 P.M.  
NEXT SUNDAY. ALL INVITED.

"Common Elements"

1 Cor 10:16

Why Bread & Wine?

substances common, but hav sumthin in common  
as 2 made "from multiplicity of material"

4 grain wheat no bud: 1 grape no bud, need multiplied  
thousands:

Similar in other ways

Wheat: pass thru winter, ground 2 flour, piped in oven  
coarse 2 55 sacrifice of Yare, rimers, Calvary

Grapes: bus 2 pressed & squeezed & lose lif 2 make  
wine: comapt 2 2s & lif squeeze out littl by little

Thex symbo iz passion & suffr 2 obtain our salvation

When we join 2gether as peop of G we lik wheat & grap  
we lose our identity & Beom 1 in Him,

but involv in this 1's Supper we also mus B individ  
2 Beom a part of the whole

"Being Lead to Know"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2  
Text: 1 Corinthians 2:12

Here is a portion of Scripture in which Paul explains the main thrust of his preaching. Let us look at it again.

Vss 1 & 2 show that Paul came not to speak of his wisdom but the special preaching of Jesus.

(Illustration of Church & arch above it, "We Preach Christ Crucified")

Paul knew that in the quest to impart more wisdom comes the desire to forsake the very plain and simple thing which is Jesus Christ crucified. Without this message preached in all of its simplicity and power, the Church cannot stand for long. Paul goes on to state that he was fearful and trembling, but his preaching was done through the power of the Holy Spirit's power, vss 3,4.

This was done so that the faith of those who heard would not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. In God's word.

(Illustration of new young preacher & congregation of learned men, call to Dad & Dad's advice, to preach the Gospel, most of them do not know it.)

Paul uses a word in the 7th verse, MYSTERY which means something that is hidden. It is used in the sense of a group who ~~SEE~~ have been initiated into a certain group know the language and those who have not are unaware of what is meant. Those who have accepted the Lord know the mystery of God, but those who do not or will not, do not know this mystery, vs 8.

We do not understand all that God has in store for those who really love Him and live for Him, vs 9.

But the Holy Spirit has come and shows these things to those who are in Christ. vs 10.

No man knows the inner man except the person who is living that particular life. We cannot see into the heart of a man and know his inner thoughts and motives. We cannot know that man as he knows himself, vs 11a. But the same is true of God. It is only the Holy Spirit that knows the intimate things of God, and it is only the Holy Spirit which can give them to us.

True wisdom does not come from man, but from the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit and these truths Paul writes, come only from God freely. ~~But the~~ The spirit of the world is the things of the world. Those that are secular, or come from Satan himself. It is the spirit of God, or the Holy Spirit which permits us to know the things that are given to us freely from God, vs 12.

Paul elaborates on this a little more in vs 13, where he points out that this is not in the wisdom of man, but from the Holy Spirit which lets a believer compare spiritual things with things that are spiritual.

Then follows a comparison between the natural man and the spiritual man. The natural man cannot discern, or understand the things that are spiritual because its like trying to mix apples and oranges. Apples will always be apples, and oranges will always be oranges, and never the two can be different. A natural man must become a spiritual man if he is to understand and know spiritual things. Paul points this out in vs 14-15.

The word for spiritual in the 15th vs is: *πνευματικός*, or spirit filled. This means a person who is literally filled with the Spirit of God. *πνεῦμα* means air, or breath, or wind. Using it in this light then it becomes a man who is filled with the very breath of God. The hymn says, and we shall sing it as our last hymn, "Breath on me breath of God." This is what *πνευματικός* means.

Paul closes his discourse by stating that no one could ever know the mind of God or instruct Him, but the believer can be taught by God because he knows Christ, and therefore can understand the mind of Christ. This again is the spirit filled individual.

So basically in all of this Paul is saying that a spiritual person is "Being led to know," through the work of the Holy Spirit.

(Illustration of "I'm no theologian.")

We do not need to be a theologian to understand what God wants us to understand. All that is required is that we know Christ as our Saviour, and that we seek to grow in His Word. We must study to show ourselves approved as Paul points out in Timothy. The Holy Spirit will instruct us and we will know what God wants us to know. Unlike the man who did not understand Communion, we can  
(over)



know that Communion is the partaking of the elements of bread and wine to  
forgiveness of our sins. But it is also in Remembrance of the sacrifice Jesus  
Christ made for us. In this Sacrament we are dealing not only with the mystical  
presence of Jesus Christ, but with the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding us  
into all truth. Come, let us eat at His table.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost June 11, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Choir Director and Organist  
Robin Knauer, and Beth Feder - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude "The King of Love" Willan  
\*Processional Hymn No. 8 "Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "Most Merciful Father, like the prodigal we come before thee to confess that we have sinned and are no longer worthy to be called thy children. Against thee we have rebelled. Yet in our distant land thou through thy Spirit doth say to us, "Come home." By that same Spirit make us clean, that we may stand before thee once again to affirm our sonship, through Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:1-18  
Hymn No. 373 "Christ for the world we sing"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach  
Solo "HE" Sung by Karen Maloney Richards  
Sermon: "T.G.I.F."  
Hymn No. 393 "O brother man"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "Ricercare" Frescobaldi

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar this morning have been given by Miss Clara and Miss Florence Shakely in memory of Loved Ones.

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow, Steve Vargo and Gottlob Kradel.

Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Lillian Kradel, Mrs. Zoa Morrison, Mr. Donald Stevenson, Mrs. Bessie Hampton. - *Rev. 2:15-16*  
Nursery will be provided today by: Sandy Sheppeck, Marci Sheppeck, and Amy Burns. *Rev. 2:15-16*

> Our Sincere Sympathy to the Family and Friends of Mrs. Clarence Shick who passed away this week.

We are passing a cookie list today - Be generous - there are two different activities that the congregation is invited to during Vacation Bible School.

Please let us know when you can have them and how many you can bake.

> Today - 2:00 - Groundbreaking - everyone is invited.  
Tonight - 7:30 - Grange Hymn Sing - Congregation and friends are invited. *Rev. 2:15-16*

Tuesday - 7:30 - Constitution Revision Committee Meeting - Chet Stauffer, Chairman.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Sherman would like to thank all those who sent them cards for their 50th Wedding Anniversary - they were greatly appreciated.

There were 2 separate envelopes put in the Bldg. Fund envelope (Program of Progress) the last two Sundays of May. They were not marked - There was \$1.00 in each of them - Contact Lois Wogan or the Office if they happen to be yours. Please put names on all Bldg. Fund envelopes.

The CENTENNIAL PLATES are ready and Mrs. Paul Campbell will be downstairs in the room next to the Kitchen so that you can pick yours up after the Service. There are some extra plates if you would like to have one at \$3.50. There is a history on the back of the plates and the year 1878-1978 is also on this one.

> If you have not already registered for Vacation Bible School - please do so today. Registration forms are in the Narthex.

June 25 - CHURCH IN THE PARK AND CHURCH PICNIC at Butler Memorial Park - Large Shelter in back.

11:00 AM 1st Part of 12:00  
(P. S. 1st Sunday)

"T.G.I.F."

Text: Deut. 1:5; Scrip. Deut:1:1-18

Expl T.G.I.F 2woks peop, I kno wat day is & submit mean  
s thin else

(Illus Minister, model loco & backward)

We prob cud say Thank Gudness It Forward

Wag in this=lot Ch peop run bakward & expec cong

2 do likewise, But G duznot C it this way & set B4

mankind 4ward direction in which 2 go

Gud cas in pt is Scrip AM=perhap lk Mos mere say hist  
not so ~~xx~~ 2 vs 4=Jordan & also vs 5 =READ

Mos & peop this side Jord

Then vs 2=more signif & vs 3=even morso (READ)

perhap U kno wat this mean but if don't, let us go  
bakward in livs peop Is 2 determ signif

Briefly luk bak=beliv from Egypt & trav 2ward From Dan

Several test situations & giv 2 prep 4 From Land

March Sinai 2 Edesh-Barnea & send spy serch Canaan

12=1ea tribe=Majority/Minority=10 & 2, Josh Caleb

Turn 14 chap Num 26-38 journey 11 wks tak 40 yrs

Insted go 4ward, peop Is go bakward, All who bin 20yr

or mor at Edesh-Barnea ded, cept Mos, Josh, Caleb

Mos soon 2die & nu gener cross Jord & TGIF

Us involv pilgrim lik leop Is & ponder 3 choic

1=Go Bakward & expec all go bakward=liv past no eff

& sinc no eff, no progress & no vibrancy, enthus etc

(Illus woman, blankets & praise the Lord)

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& unwilling 2 mov bakward or stand still



"T.G.I.F."

Text: Deuteronomy 1:5

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:1-18

Most of you, or at least many of you have recognized by now the four letters giving us the title of our sermon for this morning signify something most welcome to the average working person. The Letters, "TGIF," stand for, "Thank Goodness It's Friday," thus signifying the end of the workweek with the weekend in sight. This is the usual interpretation of these four letters, but I would ~~xxx~~ ~~stand for something else~~ submit to you that they stand for something with a much greater and far reaching meaning, than merely, "Thank Goodness It's Friday."

(Illus of minister and train hobby, built locomotive and ~~xxx~~ run backwards etc) His remark at that time could very well have been, "Thank Goddness It's Forward." ~~In the life of the people~~ This minister saw a message in this incident and pointed out that a lot of church people find themselves running backwards a somehow they expect the rest of the congregation to do likewise. But God doesn't see it this way and sets before all mankind the forward direction in which to go.

A good case in point involves our Scripture for this morning. Perhaps the first time we would read it, this block of Scripture would suggest that Moses was merely speaking to the people of Israel and telling them a few things according to their past history. But upon closer examination we see this is not so. If we look, for instance at the very first verse we see, "These are the words which Moses spoke unto all Israel on this side of the Jordan, in the wilderness." At first glance we may just shrug this off as being insignificant. But this same reading is re-iterated in the fifth verse as well, (read this).

Now we see from this that Moses and the people of Israel were standing on this side of the Jordan. This is the first ~~point we need to make. The second point~~ ~~is found in~~ thing we see about this Scripture. Next we see in verse two something of a little more significance, (read vs 2), and then in the 3rd verse we see the final thing of significance to be set before us in this Scripture.

Perhaps some of you are way ahead of me and understand what all of this means.

But if perhaps you do not understand this, we need to <sup>go backward</sup> ~~back up~~ in the lives of the people of Israel to determine the significance of all of this. Looking back on their lives briefly we see; The people had been delivered ~~from~~ miraculously from Egypt and were ~~now~~ traveling toward the Promised Land. They had gone through several testing situations in their travels which the Lord was using to prepare them for the Promised Land. They had marched from Mt. Sinai to Kadesh Barnea and the Lord commanded Moses to send out spies to ~~him~~ search out the land of Canaan. ~~This was done~~ So Moses sent out 12 spies, one from each tribe of Israel.

But when they returned, there was a majority report, and a minority report. Ten of the spies told how the people were huge, well armed, well fortified cities and all sorts of exaggerated claims to throw fear into the hearts of the people. But Joshua and Caleb gave the minority report which told of how they could overcome these people. But the majority opinion won out and for this God became angry with the people of Israel.

Let us turn now to the 14th chapter of Numbers and see what all of this brought about in the lives of these people. Beginning with the 26th verse we read, (read 26 to 38). As we come back to our Scripture for this morning we see that a journey which should have taken them only 11 days to make, stretched out into 40 years. So instead of going forward as they had done when they left Egypt, the people of Israel were going backward. All of the people who had been 20 years of age or older when that incident took place at Kadesh Barnea were now dead. Only Moses, Caleb and Joshua remained. Moses was soon to die and then the people who had arrived at this point, the new generation, would cross over the Jordan. For them, they could have each said, "Thank Goodness It's Forward," from now on."

Each of us here this morning is involved in a pilgrimage much like the people of Israel. As we ponder this fact we need to realize that we ~~may~~ each have one of 3 choices which we can make. The 1st is to go backward and expect everything to go backward with us. Its easy to live in the past. No effort is re-

quired. And since there is no effort expended in going backward everything is tually at a standstill and there is no vibrancy or life connected with it. (Illustration of woman, blankets, and "I raise the Lord anyhow")

This is what we need in our lives and in our congregations. I heard yesterday of a famous Gospel singer who came to a certain church and because of his joyful vibrant and alive singing and personality, he had the congregation ~~soon~~ stomping their feet to the music and clapping their hands. During the intermission ~~between his first~~ for the offering, the minister of that congregation informed the people that they were in God's house and this was simply not done. There have been times when people in this congregation have said to me that they were in particular agreement with something done or said on a particular Sunday morning and they felt like saying "Amen." I have answered why didn't they say it. This wouldn't bother me, but I know it would bother some of you. But you see we need to have the joy about us of what serving the Lord really means. God loves smiles and happy people, not frowns and sour faces. The Christian life is one of joy, not sadness and we need to express it not only in Church but in our daily lives.

The 2nd choice we can make is to just mark time. This is what eh Israelites did they marked time for 40 years, instead of accomplishing their task in 11 days. Think of it, 40 long weary years instead of just 11 days. This is the horrible price of disobedience. We need to learn from the Israelites that the price of disobedience is an aimless existence not knowing where to turn or ~~where to~~ in which direction to move.

The 3rd choice we can make is that of following God's direction and moving in it. Many church people have not learned this lesson yet, even though it is the most basic lesson in being a follower of Christ.

Too many people like the Israelites have been redeemed from their Egypt, and stand on this side of the Jordan instead of crossing over and accepting the blessings of the Promised Land.

(Illustration of minister watching trains and being happy to see something he did not have to push)



God provided the answers and the solutions if we are faithful in giving the  
lives we live over to His care and keeping.

We need to look across the river as Moses was doing in our scripture this morn-  
ing. He could not cross it ~~xxx~~ and enter that land, but he could share the view  
with his people. Let us look across our Jordan today.

Look toward the North and ~~xxx~~ the South, and the East, and the West. In each  
direction you will see houses, and buildings, and in those houses and buildings  
are to be found people with needs. Their needs are the same as yours and mine.  
Shortly after I came here I told of having dreams and visions which needed to be  
made realities. Some of those dreams and visions have and are becoming realities.  
Some of the people of this congregation had similar dreams and visions and we  
have shared them together. Some others have gotten these dreams and visions  
and are working at making them realities as well.

Unfortunately, some have no dreams or visions and are either moving backward or  
wasting time. In Proverbs 29:18 we read, "Where there is no vision the people  
perish."

This afternoon some dreams and visions will be started toward further completion  
and we need to all join together in marching forward. Butler is filled with  
people, men and women, boys and girls who need to know of the Saviour we wor-  
ship here at St. Paul's. This is what any growth we may have should be used  
for. But we cannot do anything unless we are willing to step into our Jordan  
and move forward. "Thank Goodness Its Forward," should be our watchword for  
each of our lives. Let us step forth in the glorious name of Jesus Christ and  
give him the praise and the glory by showing that we are willing to move for-  
ward, and are unwilling to go backward or stand still.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost June 18, 1978  
Father's Day - Graduates Honored  
Mr. Chester Stauffer, Guest Speaker  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Jeff Knauer, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.  
Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "We offer unto thee our Father,  
praise for the gift of thy Spirit. We ask for thy Spirit  
at the times when we are filled with doubt; when we are  
filled with hatred; when we are devoid of patience; when  
we show forth selfishness. In all circumstances which  
are contrary to thy will, send thy Spirit to help, to  
heal, and may we know thy forgiveness, through Christ.  
Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Liturg: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: James 3rd Chapter (The Living Bible)  
Highlights of St. Paul's Art Snyder  
Call to Prayer  
Liturg. The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Liturg: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Andante" Morris  
Solo: "Praise Be to Jesus" Gaither  
Sung by Lloyd Link  
Sermon: "DEADLY WEAPON"  
Hymn No. 278 "O Love that wilt not let me go"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Postlude "Psalm 19" Marullo

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed  
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Penar in memory of Pam Pflugh.  
The two new Living Ferns on the Chancel have been  
given by Mr. Donn E. Miller in loving memory of his  
"Mother" Mrs. Dorothy Kalb Miller.  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Rob Vinroe, Steve Smith,  
Randy Dellen, Robert Dellen and Gordon Kennedy.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kanuer will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Diane Hollefreund,  
and Robin Knauer.  
Mike Nazaruk and Howard Bolem will be visiting the  
Hospital this week.  
TODAY THE LOOSE OFFERING WILL BE GIVEN TO THE VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL TO HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES.  
We wish to congratulate our Seniors who are graduating  
this year and wish them the best in anything that  
they do.  
From High School: Ronald L. Davis (Knoch); Robert  
Dellen, Karen Kennedy, Sherry McClimans, and Rob Vinroe  
all from Butler High.  
From College: John Dreher - University of Pittsburgh  
School of Pharmacy.  
Larry McClymonds - Son of Mr. & Mrs. James McClymonds -  
Graduated Cum Laude from Capitol University with BS  
in Science with double major in Pre-Med Chemistry  
and Chemistry.  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Lillian Kradel, Mrs. Bessie  
Hampton, Mr. Wilmer Pfabe, Mrs. Norma Wolfe -Montefiore.  
Our thanks to "Chet" Stauffer for being with us today  
and bringing the Message.  
We wish to thank Paul Harbison, Youth Director for  
serving as Liturgist today.  
Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ritter who will  
celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary next Sunday  
June 25th.  
Mon. June 19-22 - Vacation Bible School. On Wednesday  
June 21 - The Congregationalists from Newton Falls  
will be here.  
Next Sunday at 11:00 P.M. We will have Church in the  
Park (Butler Memorial Park O- Large Shelter in the  
Back. There will be no Church School that day.  
Beverage and Dessert will be furnished at the Picnic.  
Centennial plates are available - First Come First Served  
basis - see Joan Campbell - they are really nice.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania June 25, 1978  
Church in the Park  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director

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ORDER OF THE SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Suite Gothique" Boellmann  
\*Ascription  
\*Opening Hymn #11 Page 6 "To God Be The Glory"  
\*Call to Worship:  
Pastor: O come, let us worship and bow down,  
People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.  
Pastor: For He is our God;  
People: And we are the people of His pasture and  
the sheep of His hand.  
Pastor: My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,  
O Lord:  
People: In the morning will we direct our prayer  
unto Thee, and will look up.  
\*Invocation  
Hymn #40 Page 20 "Blessed Assurance"  
Morning Prayers  
Announcements  
Offering Offertory "Aria" Flor Peeters  
Hymn Selections - (Congregational selections)  
Scripture: Galatians 1  
Solo: "Oh How He Loves You and Me" David Stull  
Sermon: "The Time Apart"  
Prayer  
"The Lord's Prayer - Solo - Nancy Link  
\*Closing Hymn #33 Page 18 "My Hope Is Built"  
Postlude: - "Aria" \*Congregation Standing - Handel -  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Richard Mangel,  
Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.  
Visiting the Hospital this week will be - Walter  
Harmon, and Chuck Penar.  
Hospitalized: Mrs. Lillian Kradel, Mrs. Bessie Hampton,  
Rev. Granville Cooper - V.A.; Art Covert - V.A.  
Ruth Davies - Passavant Hospital.  
Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams - Sunnyview Hospital

NICK NOHARD - ICU  
VAL RE BOWEN  
WLOTH FRENCH

Eleanor McWilliams would like to express her appreciation to all those who sent her cards, visited her in the hospital and at Sunnyview (where she will be for several weeks). I appreciate those who remembered me in their prayers, and especially to Rev. Link for his faithful visits and wonderful prayers.

Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel would like to thank all those who sent cards for their Anniversary.

> V. Bible School will be Monday thru Thurs. - from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

> Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Harry <sup>DAVIS</sup> ~~DAVIS~~ who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary today.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO CELEBRATE OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 20 through 27th.

CENTENNIAL PLATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM MRS. PAUL CAMPBELL ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

There was \$48.28 received in the Loose Offering last Sunday to help defray expenses of Vacation Bible School.

The Youth donated \$42.25 from the Youth Car Wash to the Vacation Bible School.

The Youth Fellowship donated \$60.00 from the Car Wash to the Building Expansion Program.

Last Sunday there were 134 in attendance.

Teachers Training will begin in the Fall. We are making plans for this now. If you are interested please contact the Pastor.

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Christ is fair with people who have some interest in His ministry and mission. He does not recruit them by holding out false promises: "Become a Christian and you will be free of problems; you will enjoy peace and happiness, honor and distinction. Join up with Me and see the world - see exotic and exciting places!" Nothing like that! Instead He puts this on His recruitment poster: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

"The Time Apart"

Text: Gal 1:17-18; Scrip Gal 1:

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Altno story yet man did 2 this apostle Paul  
Cert mos kno zealous Jew persecut xpians & G struk  
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In 1st chap Gal 1 outlin sever thing 4 peop Jh Galatia  
Among thez testimony wat happ 2 him & btween lines  
read=G hav plan & d plan B work out by G  
Examp wat Chev say=1 COR 15:11: He duz things His  
1st TIME" & 1 gud examp this; ie educ, school Judaism  
ie over zeal 2 protect & defen by kill  
G turn from Xpian killer 2 Xp lover=read vss 17-18  
11=now 2go 2arabia; why? Scuz apostl no luv & sceptic  
2day peop sceptic thoz suddn convert & wait G real  
Beneficil go 2AR 11=song=lets get Away From It All  
nomads, desert & we need 2 do occasional  
(Salvation Army girl, testimony & beat old drum)  
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away 4ever & so 1:17b & face up 2 wher chang took plac  
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& no need & thez few unfortun nevr got messag, pity  
or, they seek 2 grow & rest no care; U pik & let G lea  
Xpian matur no accident; it delib; read Bibl, study,  
pply and do daily  
(Illus school grads & no count, figur etc)  
Gud say bout ch as well; 13, Conf clas, adults=seem 2  
hav fundys, but no seem 2 show it  
Sum peop fun/G res/recreation & nevr want 2 show fait  
any way  
Many only do wat hav 2 & no mor  
Vss 4 all; Teacher train 2 develop old/new  
G want all us 2 share faith & not just sum  
Need follo P examp tak Time Apart & reflect upon G  
2 get bak 2 basics & thro out thoz things keep  
us from stand upon Solid Rock of Js Xp  
Let us 2day, 1k in 2 harts & determ 2mov in directions  
G lead us, striving to not only gro ourselves, but 2  
sha this growth in faith and luv

## "The Time Apart"

Text: Galatians 1:17-18

Scripture: Galatians 1

(Illustration of salesman delayed in storm, and message, "Start Vacation Immediately")

Although this is only a story, yet there was once a man who did just this very thing. We should qualify this though, and state that he just did not go on vacation, but instead ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ took a period of time apart from his former life. The man was the Apostle Paul.

I am sure that we are all fairly familiar with him and how he was one of the most zealous among the Jews who persecuted the early Christians and how God struck him blind on the road to Damascus. Following his dramatic encounter with Jesus Christ on this journey, he went into Arabia and this is a part of what we read as Scripture for this morning.

In this first chapter of Galatians Paul is outlining several things for the people of the Church in Galatia. Among what he is saying is to be found his testimony of the change which took place in his life. But what he is saying which can be read between the lines is that God had a plan for him and God's plan worked in his life to bring him around to what God wanted. I liked what Chet said in his sermon last week. It was an excellent message and I know that God was certainly speaking through him. But one small thing I felt was so apropos for each of our lives and it had to do with God's timing. Chet said, and I quote, "We can't hurry God. He does things in His own time." "In His own time," means just that; when He wants it done. Paul is a good example of this. He was educated, and schooled in Judaism and was thoroughly steeped in it. He was so anxious to guard it against all outside influences that he defended it by having the early Christians killed. But here God intervened and turned Paul around. That was once the Christian hater, now became the Christ lover.

And Paul in explaining a part of this tells us in verses 17 and 18, (read). What he was saying was that he did things in 3 distinct steps. Probably at the time these steps were never looked upon as having any significance. But upon later reflection, he must have seen that involved was a distinct pattern.



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First, he was moved ~~to~~ God to go to Arabia. We read that he did not go to Jerusalem to be with the other Apostles who were before him. Why? The answer is very simple. Had he gone to see them he would have been met with scepticism. They would not have accepted him at that point because they knew of his hatred and opposition to Jesus Christ. We see this scepticism today in certain areas of our society. People who are notoriously anti-Christian suddenly have a conversion experience and we sit back and wait to see if it is genuine. xxxxxx  
~~xxxxxxeditxxxxx~~

So instead of going to Jerusalem, he went to Arabia, and there is something very beneficial to be said for this action. Some years ago a popular song spoke of this and it was entitled, "Let's Get Away From It All." This is literally what Paul did. He went into the desert region where he only came into contact with Nomads, and had much solitude where he could think and pray, and meditate, and get close to God. We ~~need~~ all need to consider doing this occasionally. ~~We~~  
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thing

(Illustration of girl Salvation Army and beat this old drum)

life so often can seem so monotonous and dull that the best thing we can do is to take "Time Apart" from our everyday humdrum existence and get things in order so that we may become more effective in what we are doing.

But life cannot be lived seeking to evade all responsibility and Paul knew ~~xx~~  
~~xxxxxx~~ that he could not stay off in the desert forever and that he had to  
face life once again. We need to know this as well. Life cannot be a steady  
round of parties and fun and games. Sooner or later we must accept whatever  
our responsibilities are and work them out. Paul in his awareness of this not  
only was willing to face up to them, but wanted to return to where this change  
took place in his life. So we read that he, "Returned again unto Damascus."

was here that he had come face to face with ~~Jesus~~ this Jesus Christ whom he had been persecuting and it was here that he returned to re-think and to reflect upon his future life, not as a persecutor of Him, but as His follower. And we

need to return sometimes to where we had our beginnings and reflect upon what God has in store for us. Now I do not mean that we must return to what the former life may have been, or to go to the actual neighborhoods where we once may have lived in the depths. But sometimes this can be the actual way God can deal with us.

I think of our friend Leo Crawford and how just such a journey worked in his life. Last year, Leo, <sup>a pastor from Chicago</sup> Bob Dellen, and Paul Rabe and I went to the Pastor's and Laymen's Conference at Moody Bible Institute. When Leo left Butler he never realized that he was going to be on some of the actual streets where he lived in the very depths of drug addiction and degradation.

He reflected to us how much it meant to him to be able to see the old haunts and the people and to thank God that he had been delivered from all of that. He could see the then, and he could see the now and was able to make comparisons, and to thank God for it.

But the most poignant moment for us was on the morning when we left Chicago to return home. ~~xxxxxx5:00xxxxxxinthe morningxxxxxxinthe parking lotxxxxxx~~ We were loading our luggage in the car in ~~the~~ one of the school's parking lots. You have to understand something about the inner city at this point. Each of the parking lots are enclosed with cyclone fences which are locked at night and only opened by security guards who are on duty 24 hours a day. Were it not for these precautions the cars would all be stripped, ~~the~~ and the parts sold to buy dope or alcohol for the neighborhood addicts. So picture if you will, the 5 of us at 5:00 A.M. inside of this fenced parking lot loading the car. While we were doing this we noted that Leo called out to someone who was walking outside of the fence. He went over to the fence and became involved in a conversation with this <sup>black</sup> man. He told us later that he had asked the fellow where he was going and the man had informed him that he was headed for one of the vacant buildings to find a place where he could lay down and rest. He had been out all night taking care of finding the necessary booze or dope to keep his wasted body satisfied. But the touching thing about this was here was the man out-reaching inward side of the fence with his fingers curled around the wire <sup>reaching inward</sup> talking very seriously

with Leo; while Leo had his fingers curled around the wire reaching outward and telling the man about Jesus Christ and how He had changed his life. One was on the inside of the fold and one was on the outside. A picture like this remains etched on my mind and I can still see that lonely black man shuffling away into the growing brightness of a Chicago morning. And we need to pause and go back in our lives and our minds to what we could very well be were it not for the love which God has shown for us through Jesus Christ. There but for the Grace of God go I, needs to be our ~~watchword~~ watchword as we reflect upon our own Damascus Roads.

But then Paul did one other thing which he tells in verse 18, (read it). This means he went to be with the leader of this Christian body of believers and he spent 15 days with him. Think of the glorious time it must have been for each of them when the ice was finally broken and the doubts and fears engendered from former actions of Paul were put aside. Here, Paul was able to enjoy a 2 week vacation with the leader he must have formerly hated with a passion. Their time together must have been spent in making plans and strategy for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ which they certainly did in future days.

(Illustration of physical growth & Jesus speaking about adding cubits etc; and our spiritual growth should be unlimited)

We have been trying to share some of this with you this past week and you will have to forgive me for saying this, but it is unfortunate when only about 8 or 9 people of this large congregation seem to feel a need for growth. Either all of you have grown as much as you need to and these poor unfortunate 8 or 9 have failed to get the message, and need to be pitied, or they are seeking to grow and the rest of you couldn't care less. You take your pick and let God and you work it out.

But Christian maturity does not just happen. It takes place through a process of deliberate growth. This growth takes place through the reading and studying of God's Word and through the striving to apply it to our daily lives.

(Illustration of School graduates and results of their education)

We must also say this about our Sunday Schools and our churches as well. We



turn out a lot of kids from Sunday School and the Confirmation class and we take a lot into the church, but they seem to lack the fundamentals which they need to survive spiritually. There are many factors leading up to this.

One is that many people do not care anything about seeking to build the proper things into the lives of children or adults. Many of them are only interested in the fun and games and recreation they can have in their lives to offset the seriousness caused by the times ~~in which~~ in which we live. Many ~~only~~ will only do as much as they have to in order to get by. But you see this is why we have VBC for children and adults. This is why we are offering Teacher's Training to provide leaders and help those who want to share the faith which God wants all of us to share.

We need to follow the example of Paul to take, "Fine Apart" from all of the ordinary things of life and to reflect upon what God wants us to do. We need to get back to the basics and throw out all of the inconsequential things which keep us from standing upon the solid Rock of Jesus Christ. Let us today, look into our hearts and determine to move in the directions God leads us, striving to not only grow ourselves, but to share this growth in faith and love.





ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 2, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
David Knauer, Helen Hilliard - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Prelude "I Love To Tell the Story" Rol Thompson,  
Baritone Sax

\*Processional Hymn No. 440 "God of our fathers"

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Exhortation

\*Confession - (In Unison) "Our Father, send thy Spirit  
with fire and zeal into our sinful lives. WE confess  
our brokenness in thy Church; the dissension we have  
perhaps caused by unbelief, or disobedience to thy Word.  
Grant us a new Spirit to live for thee and to overcome  
the temptations we so often fall victim to; cleanse us  
and forgive us again. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)

\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

\*Praise

\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips

\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

\*Doxology No. 551

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1-9

Hymn No. 439 "God bless our native land"

\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)

\*Gloria Patri

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Who's Who in the Pew

Offering

Offertory "Aria"

Peeters

Solo: "Let it Be" Sung by Judy Ferree

Sermon: "PREDICTABLE LIZARDS"

Hymn No. 442 "Not alone for mighty empire"

Benediction and Threesfold Amen

Postlude "Presto"

Haydn

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Nohach in memory of "Loved Ones"

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Allen Botacchi, Dan  
Bosko, Robert Knauer, Charles Penar.

Elder and Mrs. Paul Campbell will greet the Visitors  
at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Cheryl Altemus  
and Pam Fry.

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mrs. Lillian Kradel,  
Mrs. Winifred Johnston, Mrs. Irene Wilson,  
Mr. Nick Nohach, Mr. Lloyd French. Mr. Art Covert -VA.  
Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams - Sunnyview.

> Monday - There will be no Mary Prugh Circle Meeting.

> We wish to Congratulate Mr. & Mrs. George Pflugh on  
their 25th Wedding Anniversary they will celebrate  
on July 4th.

Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting

Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published - please  
have all material in by Wednesday.

Sat. - Open Church Wedding - 2:00 P.M. - Cindy Ferree  
and Richard Chase.

WANTED ITEMS TO MAKE A DISPLAY FOR OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION.

We are sending out an SOS for pictures of former  
Ministers (not snapshots) We need these immediately  
so the History book can be printed up. Give to  
Jane or Bea now. We need one of Mr. Frazier, Goodling,  
Frazier, Sigler. They can't very well use a snapshot  
or something that has already had a print taken from  
it.

Mrs. Mary Lou Davis and Mrs. Norma Knauer will be  
visiting the Hospital this week.

Coming!! ARC Camping Trip to Pymatunning State Park.  
100th Centennial Celebration - Aug. 20-27th.

> Teachers Training will start in September.

> A Basic class on Sign Language for the Deaf will start  
July 13th at 7:00 here at the Church - one night a  
week for 4 or 5 weeks.

The Congregation is invited to Chicora Medical Center  
July 8th, from 3P.M. to 7 P.M. Continuous Group  
Tours will originate from a reception area in the  
building. This is a private tour of the newly completed  
facilities.

With love in few please sign.  
Youth Wed 7:00 P.M.

"Unpredictable Lizards"

Text: 1 Kings 9:4-7; Scrip. 1 Kings 9:1-9

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1. Scrip 1 Kings 9 appear Sol 2nd time & lay groun rul 4

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vs 4=If, & wat will hap IF:vs 5=Then & so on:

vs 6=but & THEN

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& we kno they turn & rejec & do own thing

but as we mak compar we mus shudr as lk our nation

& peop & pray 4 reversal present trends

(Illus Chameleon & ability 2 chang colors)

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(Illus Leon Jaworski & Watergate Treason & no evidenc

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need truth mor than sneaks hide Bhind Congres immun

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(Illus Ted Roosevelt & Americanism)

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Hold=If feel gud do it & brainwash bout pot,sex,&

things break down home & family

(Examp armed forces on drugs & no force abl defend)

2nd=Chamelon hav opptun 2 stan out jus B4 blend

This choic ours as well,sho tru colors

1 can go long crowd,but tak real man/wom,girl/bc

2 buck system & tak stand 4 right

we shud thank & ther sum wil 2 do 2day

(Examp: Ben Hughes,alcohol:Betty Ford drugs,booze:

Writa Bryant,homos & protect our children:

Charles Colson & gud from Watergate

Wat it takes is 4 thoz who & unwil 23 predicable

Lizards 2 stand 4th & B Unpredictable Lizards & Lord

If we unwil 2 folo &'s leading we & goin 2 fall,

succeeding generations may ask of our nation vs 8b

& the answer will B=vs 9

any chang 2 contrary mus Bgin within our harts/livs

4 we direct reflection wat tak plac in our nation

hav we founded thez houses in which we liv upon the

sand or hav we founded them upon the rock??

we need remember wat G sed 2 Israel=2 Chron 7:14

"Predictable Lizards"

~~"The Lizards of this House"~~

Text: 1 Kings 9:4-7

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1-9

Jesus at the end of His sermon on the Mount told His followers the significance of either hearing ~~and obeying, or not hearing, and~~ or not hearing, and of obeying or not obeying. This is what He said, (read Matthew 7:24-27).

This should give anyone who hears it to understand that the foundation for anything must be firmly rooted and grounded in order to stand. The building of the Temple in Jerusalem is and was a good case in point. Solomon not only built this magnificent structure, but it was a thing of beauty as well as a structurally sound building.

So it is that in the portion of Scripture we read this morning, God appeared to Solomon for the second time and spoke to him of what he and the people had to do to continue in the same direction before God as they were. As usual God laid down the ground rules they were to follow and each of these rules was prefaced by one little word.

The first illustration of this is found in the 4th verse, "And IF, (read rest of verse)." God then brings forth what will happen "IF" they do this and we find this recorded in the 5th verse, ~~BUT~~ "THEN," (read rest of verse). There are going to be blessings, "THEN" "IF" they are willing to do what God wants. But as was so typical not only of the Jews, but of all mankind, God knew the disobedience which could spring forth and so He said two other small words which qualified the entire situation.

In the 6th verse He said, "BUT" (read rest of verse), and He went on to state, "THEN" ( read rest of verse), and here we see how God was going to handle their obedience or disobedience. Whatever they decided to do, there was to be a reward or punishment and God left the decision squarely in their hands. Whatever the outcome of their behaviour they were to know that the future consequences were dependent upon their present actions.

Since we have the vision along these lines of knowing the outcome we know that their actions were predictable and they would reject the counsel of God and do their own thing.



But as we look at the illustration of the people of God and how they turned their backs on Him, and then we make the comparison of our nation and people and look at the directions in which we are heading we cannot help but shudder and pray for a reversal of the present trends.

(Illustration of a Chameleon and ability to change colors)

Here is a lizard which is predicable. But there are two things to be said about this. The first is that this lizard changes colors so that it blends into the background around it. It makes it very difficult to be picked out from its surroundings. Unfortunately this is what seems to be taking place all over our nation. No one wants to stand out. We no longer have the statesmen and leaders who are willing to stand forth on the principles of doing what is right. Even our president refuses to take a stand which might make him unpopular with the people. This isn't leadership which we need. It's followership. Do what everyone else is doing and you won't be noticed. Follow the crowd and don't make waves.

I just heard this past week that Leon Jaworski who investigated the Watergate scandal is not having much luck in investigating the Koreagate scandal because no one is talking or permitting themselves to be talked to. The Watergate mess was bad enough, but it didn't involve treason the way the Korean scandal does. And the reason why the information is so hard to get at, it involves many of the leading senators and cabinet people and if the true facts were to come forth it would make Watergate look like a Sunday School picnic. But you see, we need to clean house and let the chips fall where they may. If it topples some of the so called senators and congressmen the nation has looked up to and for leadership, let them fall. We need truth more than we need sneaks hiding behind congressional immunity. We cannot continue to found our house upon sand and expect it to stand. Here is a good example of the chameleon blending into the background so it doesn't stand out. Theodore Roosevelt once said of Americanism, (Illustration of his quote).

All of the things which he said would destroy America are operative in the lives of many of our people who are looking out for themselves at the expense of

others. We have come to a point of complete abandon in our society today. We are being admonished and told from many sides, "As long as it feels good, do it." With this type of philosophy we are being led down the primrose path which can only lead to destruction. Our young people are being brainwashed about pot, and dope and sex, and many other things which ~~ix~~ can destroy their morals and principles upon which their lives should be firmly founded. I also just heard recently what a vast percentage of our armed forces personnel are on hard drugs to the extent if we were attacked, it would be doubtful if we could muster a sober fighting force in a short period of time. This is sad and far removed from the nation under God upon which we were founded.

(Illustration of Paul Harvey and the Modern Parable of America)

We need to come back from being the "Indecent Lizards" we are in America today, and only a return to the founding upon the rock which is Christ will this happen.

At there is another thing to be said about a chameleon and that is just prior to it changing colors and blending into the background it stands out from its surroundings. ~~xxxxxxx~~ This means that for a short period of time it shows its true colors. And this is what we need today more than anything else. Anyone can go along with the crowd, but it takes a real man or woman, a real boy or girl to buck the system and not budge from that stand. We should thank God that there are some individuals who have gone this route even at the expense of popularity and monetary gain.

Senator Hughes came forth several years ago and declared himself as an alcoholic and became a reformed one and now devotes his time to helping other alcoholics. Betty Ford just recently stood forth to declare that she was using drugs improperly and committed herself to the hospital to overcome it. Whether you like her or not, you can't help but admire her courage to do this. Anita Bryant has jeopardized her entire career in her desire to not only protect our children, but to help those who are active homosexuals. There are some others we should name as well, but I would like to share with you the story of what good came out

of the Watergate scandal. Charles Colson, one of Richard Nixon's number one men, was convicted and sent to prison. While there he had the opportunity to look at his life and it was while there he turned to Christ and was "Born Again."

After his release from prison he started seeking to find ways to minister to the prisoners in our nation's prisons because he had seen and known first hand what they were going through. He and several other people started a prison ministry but they soon realized that in order to be effective they needed to have the prison doors opened to them in order to do any real effective work among the prisoners. So it was that they walked into the office of the man in charge of all of the federal prisons throughout the United States. They walked in unannounced and began to talk to him about letting them form a ministry whereby they could enter the federal prisons and conduct worship and Bible studies while living among the prisoners and leading them to the Lord.

The man said that he had recently visited a Federal prison in California and had attended a chapel service there. During the chapel service a prisoner whom he did not know, prayed for him from the back of the chapel. His question to Mr. Colson was, "Why would that man, a total stranger to me, pray for my health and safety and well being?" Mr. Colson told him, "Because he loves you, because he is a Christian." The man then informed Mr. Colson and the other man that because of this evidence of what Christianity can do, they were free to visit the federal prisons and set up Bible studies and speak to the men about the Lord. So you see what it takes is those who are unwilling to be "Unpredictable Lizards" and stand forth and be the "Unpredictable Lizards for the Lord."

The promise which God made to Solomon and the Jews is just as much a promise to us as well. If we are unwilling to follow His leading, then we are going to fall. Succeeding generations may very ask of our nation, vs 8b, (read it). And the answer will be, vs 9, (read it).

Any change to the contrary must begin here and now within the hearts and lives of each of us, for we are a direct reflection of what is taking place in our nation. Have we founded these houses in which we live upon the sand, or have we founded them upon the rock? 2 Chron 7.14



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 9, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
David Knauer, Helen Hilliard - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Prelude "Andante" Rowley  
\*Processional Hymn No. 4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "O God, our FATHER, you know that we all face the temptations of life. You know that many times we are turned on by the world and turned off by religion and the Church. You know that we do not want to discipline ourselves to a love that demands obedience. But you also know that since we are human, we can only resolve our problems and our difficulties through you. Help us in our weakness to become strong, and in the midst of our sins to find forgiveness. Hear us now, and let us hear your whispered "Go and sin no more." Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: 2 Chronicles 32: 1-8  
Hymn No. 283 "God is our Refuge and our Strength"  
\*Affirmation of our Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
\*Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering Offertory "Meditation" Massenet  
Serence Highlights: Bob Dellen  
Duet: "We Touched Me" Gaither Sung by Karen Maloney and Lloyd Link.

Sermon: "WHAT WOULD THE ODDSMAKERS SAY?"  
Hymn No. 221 "My faith looks up to Thee"  
Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude "Choconne" Couperin

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Mr. Earl Wogan. Mrs. Lillian Kradel - St. Francis  
~~Art Covert - V.A.; Eleanor McWilliams - Sunnyview.~~

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation and Friends at the door this morning.

DO YOU LIKE BIRTHDAYS? WHY NOT CELEBRATE WITH US AUGUST 20 thru 27th.

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Father, give us the Spirit Your Son has promised us; to make us honest people again; to know and face the truth; to see ourselves and cease from laying our defections at your door; to see your only goodness in our desperate need of you. Forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

*WHO'S WHO IN THE PEW - PLEASE SIGN & WELCOME.*

*LOUIS WALKER - BIRTHDAY TODAY*

*CENT. PLATES DONATION SEE TABLE ON PAUL CAMPBELL.*



"What Would The Oddsmakers Say?"

Text: 2 Chron 32:7b; Scrip. 2 Chron 32:1-8

Liv in age concern bout "GDS"; sports, races, stok ngt  
If tu scrip giv 2 odsmakrs, wud sav ods & outcum &  
predict outcum wud hav bin diff then wat tuk place  
Let us look scrip agin:

U gud king, start rein reform; destroy idol Ahaz set  
up; clens & re-ope temp & worship Alm G  
Judah pay lrg tribut 2 Assyria; Sennacherib invad  
city/towns Judah vss 1-2

vs 3-5 sto water, rebuild wall

vss 6-8 pep talk & real story=greatly outnumbered

Wat Odsmakrs Say?=(Ods favor Assyria Bcz superior

" Hez say? vs 7b (read)

vs 9=Sennach send mesngr whil attack

vss 10-15=let they say 2 Hez & peop

vss 16-17 send lettrs 2 frighten them

vss 18-19=speak agin Alm & lik pagan god

vs 20=Hez & Isa pray & vss 21-22=anser of G 2 prayer

Here out of hopeless situation G triumph

(Parallel of Lm & go B4 Conference on homo resol)

Disgusted, dwnhrted, roddy 2 concede, go thru motions

Receiv advanc conf material & 6 resolu same lines

Comm form, independ mod, & work 10-1:30 let make 1 resc

Print up & set 2 vote on Sunday morning

Run: paper on seats agin resolution

Chergy ask vote 1 at time

#1=Bibl; comments wer unbelievbl, but we encountr this

wen passed out letters in April

Crass Biblist=Stupid Bible Bliever= if I Bliev as I

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Death, burial, body resur, & cum awin in glory; U2 Crass

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Then sugest ammd & harts sank & seem voice loudest

thoz in favor amendment;

But vote came & amend defeat & resolut #1 pass

Saw this tak plac #2 & #3 had 2 lv, & Bob saw others

pass like manner

G beat dwn opp lik beat dwn Assyr agin Hezekiah

There now resolu #3 brot 2 Gen Synod from JWC June

It express disapprov ordain homos, & their styl of lif

is sin

No mean preach hatred, but mean seek 2bring 2 Js Xp

in repent & seek healing can tak plac their livs as

well as any1 else

Hez sed=vs 7b; Jn sed=Arter He in U than He that world

th' mean Js who indwel, strongr than satan indwel Wc

R sed=If G B4 us, who can B agin us? & lesson faith &

commitment is=G wil help 2 overcum all odds if we wil

2 plac His hands/His powr grtr anything in world

"What Would The Oddsmakers Say?"

Text: 2 Chronicles 32:7b

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 32:1-5

We live in an age which is concerned with "odds." Hardly a day goes by in which we hear or read about certain "odds" being advanced about something. We hear odds about life expectancy, about the weather, about ~~amusement parks~~  
~~amusement parks~~, sports, the stock market, banks, and so on. I am cert in that if we were to take the scripture we read this morning and give an oddsmaker the facts and statistics without revealing that it transpired several thousand years ago, we would receive not only "Odds" about the situation, but the probable outcome. And more than likely the predicted outcome would have been different than that which really took place.

Let us turn once again to this Scripture to see what eventually transpired. Hezekiah the king of Judah was a good king. He started his reign with a great reformation. He destroyed the idols and pagan altars in his kingdom, which King Ahaz had set up; he re-opened the temple after he had it cleansed; and he re-stored the worship of Almighty God. Judah was paying large tribute to Assyria and so it was that Hezekiah ~~met with this as we~~ found that Sennacherib the king of Assyria invaded some of the towns of Judah.

So it is then that Hezekiah has his people work on repairing the wall around Jerusalem and shutting off the water supply to outside sources. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
~~xxxxxxxxxxhaveknownthisxtohxhxaxdefinitexfact~~

Thus, Hezekiah and his people were securely set to defend Jerusalem against any attack by Sennacherib and his forces. But one thing was definitely against them, and this was the fact that they were greatly outnumbered by the large army of the Assyrians. "What Would The Oddsmakers Say?" about this. I am sure that they would have stressed very strongly that the ~~xxx~~ people of Israel did not stand a chance against such superior odds.

But what was it Zeke said to his people? We read this in verses 7 and 8.  
What was his final words of encouragement to a people who knew they were vastly

outnumbered? "For there are more with us than with him," was what he said.

it is that we read of Sennacherib sending his servants to Hezekiah and his people barricaded behind the wall in Jerusalem while he is at Lachish with his troops besieging this Judean city. They cry to the people and Hezekiah speaking against what Hezekiah had done to bring the people back to Almighty God, vs 9-15. They not only were there in person to shout these threats against the people of Israel, but they also sent letters to frighten them, vs 16-17. Then, to make sure what they were saying was understood, they shouted to the people in their own language and spoke against God as though He were one of the pagan gods, vs 18-19.

So then Hezekiah and Isaiah pray to the Lord for his help, vs 20, and we read vs 21-22, that The King Sennacherib was defeated, and he returned home in shame and was slain there by his own sons, xxx

Here out of a completely hopeless situation we find that God triumphs. As I

was able to see what was transpiring in our fight to have the Lake Erie Association take a stand before the conference against the issues of homosexuality and immorality, it looked like such a hopeless task. A ~~resolution~~ resolution was sent to be presented to the Penn West Conference meeting in Johnstown, but it seemed as though it didn't have a chance of being accepted. But then when the material about the Conference appeared, it was discovered that altogether there were 6 resolutions along the same lines. This revived a hope that not all was lost. A committee was formed at Johnstown from the churches who had submitted resolutions, an independent moderator was chosen, and we sat down to draft one resolution from the 6 submitted. We worked from 10:00 A.M. until 1:30 A.M. the next morning and hammered out a resolution which was then printed up and distributed to everyone at the conference. The voting on this issue was set for Sunday morning.

When we arrived in the gymnasium someone had taken the occasion to have printed up a paper downgrading any resolution such as the one being proposed. Shortly after the business session began the resolution was presented and immediately



one of the clergy moved that it be voted on point by point. So we started rough the first point. This has to do with the authority of the Bible as our rule for life. Some of the comments rendered concerning our stand upon the Bible were simply unbelievable. But by the same token they were believable when we stop to consider that ~~themselves~~ when we passed out the letters to the churches in April I was called a "Crass ~~Biblist~~" The word "Crass" means "stupid," and the word "~~Biblist~~" means a student of the Bible, or one who believes in the Bible. So if you believe as I do, that the Bible is the inspired unerring word of God, and you believe in the miracles which happened, and you believe in the Virgin birth of Jesus Christ, His blood atonement, His death, burial, and bodily resurrection, as well as His coming again in glory, then you too are a "Crass Biblist."

Needless to say there were those who did their best to put down this type of belief. Then someone suggested an amendment to the wording and our hearts sunk within us. ~~And~~ And it seemed the voices being heard the loudest were those in favor of the amendment. But when it came time to vote the amendment was defeated and the resolution passed with only a minor change.

It happened this way for each of the other two proposals I saw voted on before I had to leave, and Bob can tell you what happened in the session following worship and lunch, how God beat down the opposition just as He beat down the King of Assyria who opposed Hezekiah. There is now a resolution which has come forth from our Tenn West Conference which will be sent on to the General Synod which will meet in Indianapolis next June. It expresses our disapproval of the stance of the denomination to ordain homosexuals, and to accept their outright sin as being merely another lifestyle. This doesn't mean that we are striving to preach hatred against the homosexual, but it does mean that we are to seek to bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ in repentance and to seek His healing which can take place in their lives, as it can in the life of any of us. Just as Hezekiah told his people, "There are more with us, than with him," so we must be reminded that the Apostle John said a similar thing, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." This means that Jesus who in-



dwells us, is stronger than Satan who indwells those of the world. Paul states in yet another way when he said to the Romans, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" This is the lesson of faith we need to learn, and that is, God will help us to overcome all odds if we are willing to place it in His hands. His power is greater than anything the world has to offer.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 16, 1978  
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Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Tom Hollefreund and Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Prelude "Prelude on 'Slane'" Young  
\*Processional Hymn No. 11 "Ye servants of God"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) - "Father Almighty, we come to you asking for help. Our lives reflect the lack of light in them by the very gloom around us. We are filled with anxiety, pessimism and doubt. We look to other humans for hope and fulfillment. We seek joy in all manner of things, but find no joy. We are filled with a sense of need and yet, are not ready to seek help from beyond ourselves. Help us to know that we are each sinful, and our need is always you. Forgive us, and grant your love now and always. Amen."  
\*Kyrrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: Philippians 1:12-30  
Highlights of St. Paul's Zitt Thompson  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Voluntary on 'Evans'" - Young  
Duet "Lord, I Adore Thee - Swedish Folk Melody  
Sung by Howdy and Dutch Bolam  
Sermon: "Heads I Win, Tails You Lose"  
on No. 467 "I love to tell the story"

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude: "The King of Love" Young

----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar this morning have been given by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nazaruk in memory of "Loved Ones"

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Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Barb Vargo and Sherry McClimans.

➤ Hospitalized: Mrs. Nellie Hughes -377; ~~Richard Andrews~~ 432; Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mr. Lloyd French, Mr. Nick Nchach, Sadie Barnhart, ~~Mrs. Winifred Johnston~~, Mrs. Nellie Bonnett. ~~Lois TUBIK~~

REV. LEE NEUHAUS AND FAMILY WILL BE HERE SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th. DO YOU REMEMBER LEE AND KATHY?

➤ Rob Sybert and Bruce McBride will be visiting the hospital this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ritter would like to thank everyone who remembered them with a card on their Anniversary. Coming!! ARC Camping Trip to Pymatunng State Park, see the Harry Burns or Bruce McBride's. Please give your \$3.00 per night per unit, plus the license number and make of your car to the above by July 23rd. See details in the Newsletter. Anyone in the Church is invited.

Teachers Training will start in September - details are in the Newsletter.

Confirmation Class will begin in September - look for your letter in August. If you are interested - sign up now so you will not be missed.

A Basic class on Sign Language started last Thursday evening with 20 in attendance.

The Flower Chart is open on July 30th, If you are interested in this date please leave Bea Know. The next opening is in October 22nd, and 29th. Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 31 are open.

Please do not put your extra program of Progress in the Pew Racks. There is a box in the Narthex for them.

Text: Phil. 1:21: "scrip. Phil 1:12-30"

(It's a 6 million dollar man)  
Isn't amaz marvel desine, plan this machine hous us?  
Yet, mus kno sunday face deth this body  
Wonder this, & wrote bout; here was 1 mos bril, intel  
m his life stood threshold of deth,

This red as scrip this  
Prisner Rome aprox 10yr found ch philipi,  
3/4yr sinc visit & dictat letr 2 Tim, who writ 4 Pau  
Vs 12=imprison furthr Jh Js 4p:How? stir crazy?

1st prisnr, & prob mark 4 execu how cud B?  
Vs 13=div anser=1 gard by Praetorium guard:Imp corp  
of Rome; 10 thous hand pik dispers Empire

1 hand over Capt, hand over 2 g rd: M.D. 11=chain  
Ca gard ask currios Js 4p, 1 witnes despit chain  
(Illus 3 Sunday, Irish Catholic Rivavl Dayton, Ohio)

This P do  
Vss 14-20=4p preach, mos import & gist found vs 21

Old coin flip=Hds I Win, Tails U Lose  
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Many peop do same 2day, & unfort sum in church

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may encounter added probs

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of 1 who liv & sufr also & kno our needs

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as long Blong 2 I we can't los, we win eithr way

Talk bout No Fault Insur, wat a deal 4 mankind

But it tak desir & challeng 2 Bgin liv 4 Xp,  
it not just 1st step of accept, but continu step by  
step growing in 4p which mus tak place

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(Illus A.S. Simpson & How 2 stay healthy)  
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a result hi blod presur, ulcer, gal blad etc & wat  
hap turn insids in 2 ces pool bitr acid & burn up  
or think, plan, plot & get emotional probs Beuz & 4  
thez probs seek Drs, sychia

Wat really need is not Drs, Psychiatrists,  
or even Psyps & his clanging power 2 tak' plac in  
our livs & holies:

It then becom matter 2 discuss with Romans wen sed  
whethr we liv, we liv un2 1; & whethr we die, we die  
un2 1; whethr we liv ther4, or dy, we 2 the Lord's

I hav ~~often~~ cum 2 feel as I that I am a prisoner of  
~~the Lord~~ my Lord Js Kp.

Wen awak in morn He ther: wen go 2 bed las thing

He ther;

I tried 2 escap & run from Him, but He wudn't let  
me

Wherever I hav gone He ther

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Is Gain

This givs U & me the assuranc that Heads I Win,  
Tails U Lose

This is a no lose deal thru Kp

Can we all say the same thing?

& If cannot, mus ask why not?

Let us put thez houses in order 2day if need B 2

Bgin 2 hav the Hu Lif G wants us 2 hav thru Js Kp  
living in our harts & livs.



"Heads I Win, Tails You Lose"

Text: Philippians ~~1:12-30~~ 1:21

ripture: philippians 1:12-30

(Illustration of 6 Billion Dollar Plan)

Isn't it amazing that God has so wonderfully and marvelously designed and planned this machine which houses each of us? Yet, when we ponder this we must come to the knowledge that we must know and experience death to the body.

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Paul pondered this and thought about it, and wrote about it. Here was one of the most intelligent, most highly educated men of his time and he stood on the threshold of death. This is what we read as our Scripture for this morning. Paul was a prisoner in jail in Rome, approximately 10 years after he had founded the church in Philippi. It was about 3 or 4 years since he had visited them and he was ~~xxxxxx~~ dictating this letter to Timothy who was writing it for him. We began our reading this morning with the 12th verse in which he tells the people in the church that his imprisonment has had an effect on furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ rather than hindering it. Now how could he say this? It almost sounds as though he had gone a little stir ~~creazy~~. He is first a prisoner, and secondly, probably marked for execution and how could this possibly advance the gospel?

Well, this becomes somewhat evident in the 13th verse, (read). He is saying that his imprisonment is well known in the emperor's palace and throughout all of Rome. This was made possible because Paul was being guarded by none other than the Praetorian guard, which was the Imperial guard corp of Rome. ~~These~~ This was a hand picked group of elite troops of about 10 thousand men who were dispersed throughout Rome and the cities of the Roman empire. Paul had been handed over to the Captain of the Praetorian guard who in turn ~~he~~ handed him over to an individual guard. Paul was then chained to this guard by a short piece of chain called an "FIBULA" in Greek. One end was attached to the wrist of the prisoner and the other end was attached to the guard. When that particular guard went off duty, the prisoner was attached to another guard.

Thus, Paul had ample opportunity to speak to these guards about Jesus Christ.

You are literally tied to someone you cannot help but become involved in conversation with them. Most of his guards were very curious about this Jesus Christ and so it afforded Paul time during the long hours of imprisonment to tell them of his saviour. No wonder he could proclaim that his imprisonment was advancing the Gospel. He was able to carry on his ministry despite the handicap of chains and prison.

(Illustration of Irish Catholic at Billy Sunday revival in Dayton, Ohio)

This is what Paul was doing, ~~"Brightening the Corner"~~ "fighting on the Corner where he was? For Jesus Christ.

Paul goes on to state that Christ is being proclaimed because of his imprisonment. Some are doing it out of love for Paul, while others are doing it because they think they are causing Paul affliction. But in either event Christ is being proclaimed and this is the main thing. He tells them that whatever is to befall him will be and he is prepared for it. And this is the real gist of his message.

This is found in vs 24, (read). It is the old story of the coin flip, "Heads I win, Tails <sup>You lose</sup> ~~Thou shalt lose~~". To live is to win, and to die is to win also.

But this is for the believer. Paul was not talking about the living of a life as much as he was speaking about the living of a life-style. Millions of people have walked upon the face of this earth, lived their lives and passed from the scene, and all it amounted to for them was the drudgery of living a life of so many years. Many people are walking the face of this earth today and doing exactly the same thing. Unfortunately we must say that some of these people find themselves in as members of the church. Somewhere along the line these folk have never heard the real message of the Gospel or have neglected to take advantage of it for some reason or another.

What Paul was pointing out was the necessity to put Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. He must be central in our lives or the life is meaningless and lived with no purpose. He must be the one we seek to serve instead of our selfish individual purposes.

This doesn't mean that when Jesus is central in our lives that it is some magical

formula which makes all of our problems disappear. On the contrary, because we are taking our stand against Satan and the things of this world we may encounter added problems. But it does mean that in the midst of suffering, disease, death and affliction, we can know a comfort unable to be found in the things of this world. We will not understand or know the answers to many of life's problems, but we will have the strength of one who lived and suffered even as ~~we~~ we do to carry us through <sup>those</sup> ~~that~~ problems.

But Paul was also pointing out that it <sup>doesn't</sup> ~~isn't~~ matter whether we lived to a ripe old age, or ~~were~~ <sup>ARE</sup> cut down in our youth, as long as we belonged to the Lord, we ~~win~~ can't lose. We win either way.

Talk about "No Fault Insurance," this is the best no risk contract available to mankind.

~~(Illustration of a man in a suit and tie)~~

~~Christ is the beginning and the end, and this is what we are saying and what we~~  
~~I suffer and know nothing~~

~~Paul~~

But it takes that desire, that challenge to begin to live for Christ. It isn't just that first acceptance of Christ, and everything is automatically different. Instead, it is that first step of faith which is the acceptance of Him, and then the constant one-step at a time growing in Christ <sup>WHICH MUST</sup> ~~that must~~ take place.

For Paul that life began on that hot dusty road to Damascus when he met Jesus face to face. He was a changed man, and now it was the challenge to live for the Lord, and be willing to die for Him if necessary. It meant throwing out all of the other things which can harm, and hurt and distract.

(Illustration of L.B. Simpson and How to Stay Healthy)

How many of us are willing to do this completely? We may desire to throw out a few of them, but most of us want to hang on to our past hurts and hatreds. We want to see those who trespassed against us punished, or we will not be happy. So as a result we are not happy but miserable and it causes high blood pressure, ulcers, gall bladder problems and others. What happens is that we literally turn our insides into cess pools of bitter acid and we suffer physically because



of it. Or we think, and plot, and plan how to get even and we get emotional problems because of it. For these physical and emotional problems we seek the doctors and psychiatrists, but what we really need is not doctors, nor psychiatrists; what we need is Jesus Christ and His cleansing power to take place in our lives and bodies. It then becomes a matter Paul discussed with the Romans when he said, ~~Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord;~~ "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

We should each be able to say as Paul said, "I am a prisoner of ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When I awaken in the morning He is there; when I go to bed and the very last thing of the day, He is there; I tried to escape Him and run from Him, but He wouldn't let me. Wherever I have gone He has been there. He constantly moves me and motivates me and I have come to find that I can only echo the words of the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." This gives us the assurance that "Heads I Win, Tails You Lose," which is no lose deal through Christ. Can we all say the same thing? And if we cannot, then we must ask, "Why Not?"

~~Let us put these houses in order if need be and~~ and let us put these houses in order if need be and begin to have the new life which can be ours from this moment on.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost A September 3, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Miss Shelia McCaw, Guest Organist  
Sandy Ferree and Beth Feder - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

The Organ Prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the sanctuary. Be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful. If you must whisper, whisper a prayer.  
The Organ Prelude "Chromatic Fugue and Fantasia" Pachelbel

\*Hymn No. 30 "Come, we who love the Lord"

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Exhortation

\*Confession - (In Unison) "Father, we pray for the labor we have left undone. We know that we have not been completely true. We have sinned through not being completely disciplined in work; we have looked for payment, even when our work has not been completed. Father, we know that you understand because you lived and worked among us; so it is with a sense of penitence that we ask your forgiveness once again. Through Christ we pray. Amen."

\*Kyrrie (Choir, Congregation and Liturgist)

\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

\*Praise

\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips

\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

\*Doxology No. 551

Scripture: Luke 9:28-42

Hymn No. 207 "Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult"

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

\*Gloria Patri

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

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Offertory "A Prayer" Stickles  
Solo: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" K. Davis  
Sung by Mrs. Claudette Sanzotti

Sermon: "BUSINESS AS USUAL"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 278 "O Love that wilt not let me go"

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude: "March Heroique" Stickles

----- \*Congregation Standing -----

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knauer in memory of Bob's "Father" Bert Knauer.

Serving as Ushers today are \*Allen Botacchi, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer, and Charles Penar.

Today began the Fall and Winter Schedule - Church School - 9:45; Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M.

Deacon and Mrs. Roy Andrews will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Pauline Fencil.

Next Sunday will be Promotion Sunday during Church Sch. Mary Lou David and Norma Knauer will be visiting the Hospital during the week.

Wed. - 7:30 - CHURCH COUNCIL

Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published - please have all material in by Wednesday.

Next Sunday - Holy Baptism (Contact the Pastor)

Time passes by fast before we know it the Women's Fellowship will be announcing the date for their annual Soup and Salad Day. There is a possibility that a second day will be held in early 1979. They will need lots of vegetables. Corn and beans will be ready, if you have extra of these vegetables - they would appreciate your freezing them for the Soup. If you have extra, but too busy to process them - Call 282-1032.

Hospitalized: - Mrs. Lillian Kradel, HOWARD GILLETTE (KSTY) Arthur Covert and Louis Zubik - V.A. Hospital. (THANKS ALL)

Confirmation Classes will begin Sept. 10th - If any Youth not yet contacted (12 years and up) please contact Rev. Link.

Next Sunday - (Sept. 10) from 7-9 P.M. - Teachers (WEEKS) Training begins. Books,

Our Church is scheduled to escort wheel chair patients to and from Services at V.A. during Oct. 8 persons each Sunday - Contact Bill Pflugh if you can possibly help

"Business As Usual"

Text: Luke 9:17: scrip. ult. 10 - 45

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event took place Aug 6, last sunr Js lif erth/spr cruc  
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"Business As Usual"

Text: Luke 9:37

Scripture: Luke 9:28-42

We read as our scripture for this morning a very beautiful and moving account of how God revealed Jesus as the Messiah all of Israel was searching for. But I do not intend to ~~elaborate~~ elaborate on this aspect of the story. Instead, I want to direct our thinking to the joy of the event and the events immediately following it.

This particular incident is found also in the 17th chapter of Matthew, and the 9th chapter of Mark. Each of the Gospel writers tells the same incident, but adds some other details or omits others one of the other writers has covered. There are no discrepancies in the story as some scholars like to point out, it is exactly like different reporters covering the same event, each telling it exactly the same. I chose the account found in Luke because it illustrates better, what I am striving to point out this morning.

We see in this incident that Jesus went into a mountain to pray. This mountain is believed to be Mt. Hermon which is 12 miles from Caesaria Philippi. The date on which this particular event is to have taken place was August 6, and this would have been the last August of the earthly life of Jesus. The following spring He was crucified.

The incident shows us Jesus, Peter, James and John ~~alone~~ on the mountain and while they were there Jesus was transfigured, or changed before their very eyes. We read, (vs 29), that His looks were changed and His clothing became white and shining. He assumed the look of what must have amounted to a spiritual body, much like He had following His resurrection. But there also appeared to them Moses and Elijah, two men who were long since dead. Peter and the others must have gotten sleepy at some point in the story, for during a part of the conversation Jesus had with Moses and Elijah, but in any event, they were moved by what they saw. Peter, the impetuous person that he was, suggested that they commemorate this event by erecting three booths there. But while he was still speaking a voice came out of the clouds signifying that this was God's Son.



Luke tells us that Peter and the others did not tell anyone of what they had seen and heard. The others tell us that Jesus admonished them to remain silent about what had taken place. But in any event we must realize that though they were filled with the complete joy of this occasion, who would have really believed them at this point? Jesus was being discredited by all religious authorities and only a small handful were willing to give any credence to His being the Messiah.

It wasn't until the resurrection of Jesus that all of this made sense to the three disciples who had been involved in this incident. But when we follow their descent from the mount we see that immediately Jesus is met by the needs of someone. The 37th verse tells us, (read this). We can be very certain that Peter, James, and John were completely overwhelmed by all that had taken place. Picture in your mind what this would have meant to you. We would have been bursting with <sup>the desire</sup> ~~wanting~~ to relate it to the first person we could corner.

Just as is so often the case, the wisdom of God brought a situation into play which took their minds off what had taken place to the immediate problems at hand. And here is the lesson for us in our day and age, as well.

Life has its peaks and valleys and we all experience both of them. But we cannot live atop the mountain for long extended periods of time. It is down in the valley where the real action is. I can recall several years ago when we were on vacation in Crested Butte, Colorado. The mountain for which the town is named, Crested Butte, was in the background of the parsonage in which we stayed. At one level of the mountain was a field of snow and so one day the boys and I decided to climb to that spot. Often when we thought of climbing a mountain we thought of scaling it with ropes and all sorts of equipment. But the climbing we did, amounted to climbing a very steep grade to the snow field which was just below the ~~xx~~ rocky summit which would have involved climbing gear had we decided to go the rest of the way. At that particular spot of Colorado the area is approximately 10 to 12,000 feet above sea level. Climbing, climbing, and any other sort of activity was a shortness of breath. As we began to climb,

We noticed that we began breathing very heavily, and we had to stop more and more frequently to get our breath. The scenery was absolutely beautiful. We saw all sorts of wild flowers you do not see growing at lower elevations. When we reached the snow field, (completely tired and out of breath), it was an unbelievable sight. The air was so fresh and clean. (when we finally began to breathe normally again), and the view was unbelievable. But there was one thing missing. We were the only one's around. There were no houses, or stores, or means of taking care of any immediate needs we might have ~~we~~ had. It meant that we could not survive there for very long. We had to return to the valley from whence we came. This is the lesson Peter, James, and John learned very quickly, and this is the lesson we need to learn.

We (just like Peter, James, and John) experience in our congregation. We are often so wrapped up in the past, we are so concerned about our roots. But we must know that we cannot stay in the past, we must come down to where life is being lived and that is in the present. We cannot accomplish anything if we decide to try again in our yesteryears. We must move forward and out into the world. It must become for us, just as it became for Jesus, and his disciples, "Business As Usual."

For the Christian this becomes a very critical thing because a congregation can get so wrapped up in themselves that they forget about the world and those outside of that Church building. My family and I were in a congregation such as this while on vacation. I won't elaborate on it now, but if you want to know about it, I will share it with you at another time.

Anyone who has come to Christ and has had that life changing experience of being born again, has <sup>had that</sup> ~~been that~~ spiritual rebirth, can testify that it is an exhilarating and very ~~valuable~~ <sup>lasting</sup> experience. It is similar to the ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> that lasts for a few days, a few weeks, or longer. But eventually there comes a time when that person meets the realities of life and it then that most people begin to question whether they ever had that experience or not. The experience in most cases has been genuine, but they have been confronted by the world and so they see all sorts of things that make them question the legitimacy of that new birth.

Just as Jesus was able to share that exhilarating moment with His followers and then come down to "Business As Usual," so must we understand this is our lot in life as well. It is great to be "high and lifted up," but it is even greater for the one who calls himself a Christian to stoop to the needs of humanity around him. It becomes a life of service to others, not because of works for works sake, but a life of works because Jesus is our saviour and we serve because of our love for Him.

(Illustration of Paul Campbell and his children)

This is what it is all about. It isn't an easy thing to face the business world and not be conformed by it. It means being what Christ wants us to be, and it means acting in the manner He has set for us ~~xx~~ with His life.

(Illustration of Ebenezer organist and little boy purling, and "e.")

This is what we need to do in the life of our congregation here. It isn't me, or just any one of you. It is "We", ~~xxx~~ all of us together who are going to continue to write the history for the next generations. But it also must be "e" along with our Lord Jesus, for we cannot do it without Him.

Now about you? Are you willing to share the responsibility of "Business As Usual" in the valley of Walker and Brugh? In the valley of Route 3, and 422, and 68, and 38? It's great to stop outside of town and look at Gettler from the mountain tops around us. But it takes time, and effort, and love to be about the business of our Lord here at the bottom.



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Tom Hollefreund, Robin Knauer - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

The Prelude "Suite Gothique" Boellmann  
\*Hymn No. 182 "Fairrest Lord Jesus!"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "Almighty God, we thank you for the health and strength you give us to earn our keep. Give us not only thankful hearts, but a new desire to do all labor well. Forgive us for any strife or discord we may create in our work. Free us from causing problems with our fellow workers. Let us love instead of hate, and cleanse us once again. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrle (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology No. 551  
Scripture: 1 John 1: 1-4  
Hymn No. 274 "Jesus, the very thought of Thee"  
\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)  
Gloria Patri  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Offering  
Offertory "Prayer" Morris  
Baptism of Infant - Kevin Alan Sybert - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sybert - born July 14, 1978  
Solo: "In the Image of God" Peters  
Sung by Karen Maloney

Sermon: "Family Proverbs:  
1. What's The Good Word?"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Hymn No. 221 "My faith looks up to Thee"

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude: "Rejoice!" Morris

\*Congregation Standing - - - - -

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Campbell in loving memory of Joan's "Parents" Mr. & Mrs. James P. Christy  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Wally Feder, John Snow, Steve Vargo and Gottlob Kradel.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Virginia Mangel. Deacon and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Lillian Kradel, Howard Jaillet;  
- Art Covert and Louis Zubik - V.A. Hospital  
Dick Mangel and Steve Vargo will be visiting the Hospital this week.

> Wed. - 8:30 - Junior Choir - Karen Maloney - Director  
Wed. - 7:00 - Adult Choir - Mrs. Kay Morris - Director.  
CONGREGATIONAL DINNER - 5:30 P.M. - Sept. 24 - make plans now to attend.

> Tonight - 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. - Teacher's Training.

Don't forget to let Lois Wogan or Ann Williams know if you have vegetables for the Soup and Salad Days. A lot of vegetables will be needed. Soup and Salad Day will be coming up Tuesday October 10th. See notice in the Newsletter.

Our Church is scheduled to escort wheel chair patients to and from services at V. A. during Oct. Eight persons are need each Sunday - Contact Bill Pflugh if you can possibly help with this project.

If you did not receive your Historical booklet (1 per family) you can pick it up in the office today. Additional ones are available at a cost of .75 each. There still are a few plates available at \$3.50 each come to the office if you would like to have one. YWCA - exciting new program for women - offered this Fall. The schedule is posted in the Narthex for the topics of the program.

> There still are some Daily Bread booklets available.  
> Box in Narthex for suggestions to put in Corner Stone.



Text & Scrip: 1 John 4:1-4

Intro: most all part family & family proverbs= like feet,  
put boots, wear gloves, umbrella etc

what's business & what he want? oh my, May, April say

she want ~~him~~ 12 marry her, really? I marry 25

123 put phras in family & I mak compar 1 Jn use, I

" " " " can I use spiritual family we part of  
21st world? yes, but no? That's had world? This 2d day  
(Friday) now turn 2 Mr Bible & 1 Jn 1:1

vs 1=Jn focus Js Ip & adres thos in family G

it not 2nd Believers, or 2nd convert, it 2 thos Sam G  
Jn wrot 25 at Ephesus & many 2nd, 3rd gener (pist)

probs Jn not persecu but probs within structur Ch

if think, belief wer cum 4th & educat seduction

was 1st plac & turn peop from 1st luv= familiar?

Gnosticism=gnostic, atheist, gnosticism=?

1st evil = separate from soul/spirit = ultim purp

2 no thru cert ritual wd assur separ body/soul deth

ultim purp two body off= suicide

Jn to a man who I do special thru Js Ip=deity Js Ip

" special 2 senses= 1. I-espe & Js spok, but mayb Jn

hear? no hear so he say= 2. I= yes, not mind eye,

but abl 2 gaze, watch, behold & observ all situats

1st Jn 1:1-3 & Js =handl & 3; Jn lean Js breast

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Jn 1:1 say= this sho Js at creation with G

now 1:2-30=4 shado of Ip & all this sho be etern

son of Stern Father & Jn 1:13=with G at Bgin

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& so we C if wd Jn Gosp can now underst Jn 1:14

1st Gud Lord?=Js & in flesh, cum 2 earth 2redeem man

It Jn & Stern son, Stern 2, incarn, Immanuel, & with us

vs 3b= "I will be with you" who bant Jn & wil

teach us if we lat

2nd tel=relationship btween individs, mutual partic

vs 4= this shud cum 4th if underst thos cum 2nd 1

members fam of G & purp Jn writ was 2 share Jn

whether believ/not shud & but need ask do U hav this Jo

n Ur hart? If no, perhaps no underst wat talk bout

o U hav selfish with Father & son? so U kno 4 cert

hav etern lif & I can & liv that at now?

In shar this & we cover later 5:12-13 (read)

If U don kno I wud b happy 2 shar with U

If U hav doubts & many do,pleas tel me & I str - 2

giv U assur U shud hav

pleas no feel embaras or get uptite,

Sum do this Bcuz membr shd know yr & nevr aware

thet thers no want 2 share it

but its a 1 & basic I can bring you, & I can

bring you life

its basic it establish relationship with God & people  
possib only thru His Sp.

This joy shud all have & Ur joy can be full

"Family Proverbs?"  
14 "What's The Good Word?"

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Tea and Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4

I believe that it would be safe to say that all of us have known, or know the life that is to be lived and enjoyed as a member of a family unit, or household. There are many little things which are peculiar or pertinent to that particular family. An example would be certain little sayings which have been shared perhaps by several generations within our own individual families. Children within the family become accustomed to these sayings very early in life and quite often become so conditioned to them, they begin to ignore them as early in life as possible. I am thinking for example of how many of us have grown up hearing his father say, "Don't forget to wear your boots," or, "You better take an umbrella, it looks like rain," or other ~~xxxxxx~~ beloved phrases children want to hear repeated. But there are other phrases we may incorporate into our home and family life. When I had a business quite frequently when I came home in the evening some contractor may have called and I was greeted with this so often, I got into the habit of asking immediately upon my arrival, "Tea, and what did he want?" All times have changed and just as a joke I will inquire when I arrive home, "Yea, and what did he want?" and Shirley will answer, "He wants you to marry her." To which I usually reply, "But Shirley, I'm married to you." But what I am getting at is this, we use pet phrases in our families and I would like to make a comparison to this in a series of sermons on the basis of the parables will come as fitting to Christmas. I have written this sermon, "Family Proverbs," which may still use in our homes, but which can also be applied to the spiritual family you and I are a part of.

Today, while frequently we may greet another family member by ~~xxx~~ saying, "What's the good word?" or we may inquire, "What's The Good Word?" This is the first "Family Proverb" I would like for us to share together today. But before we begin I would like to ask that we pray together and seek God's guidance throughout these coming weeks together. (Prayer).

Let us turn now in our Bibles to the book of 1st John, the 1st chapter.

The Apostle John at the very first verse focuses our attention on Jesus Christ. He doesn't go into a long salutation or greeting. It is straight from the shoulder the sharing of whom he is talking about. He is addressing himself first of all to those who are within the family of God. It is not to unbelievers he is speaking, or to people he is striving to convert. No, it is to those who have already been baptized and are Christians.

To put it another way, John was writing this Epistle from ~~xxxxxx~~ Ephesus around ~~xxxx~~ 85 A.D., ~~xxx~~ many of the Christians within the Christian Church were now second or in some instances third generation Christians. The problems to which John addresses himself were not ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ problems of persecution of the Church, but were problems within the very structure of the Church. Different forms of thinking and belief were coming forth and leading the people astray. It was an educated seduction which was taking the people from their first love. The joy, and the glow which accompanied their conversions had now grown dim and they were being led astray by strange and new doctrines. The chief among these doctrines was that Gnosticism, from which we get our agnostic today, which means someone who is an atheist. The word Gnosis in Greek means "knowledge" or to "know" and this is also where our English word know comes from. Gnostics believed that the flesh and the spirit were completely separate. The flesh was evil and therefore it ~~xxxxxxxx~~ was completely apart from the spirit. Therefore, a person could be as filthy and immoral as he wished because it didn't hurt his spirit or soul, and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the ultimate purpose of life was to go through certain rituals which would assure that upon death the soul would be made free. In fact, the ultimate goal was to throw off this body. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ This meant to die as soon as possible. This brought on many suicides to escape the ~~xxx~~ physical body.

Therefore, John had to strive to prove to the Christians that ~~xxx~~ God did something special through Jesus Christ. First John appeals to their sense of what they could know and understand. This involved their senses. He told them first of all "What, which we heard." This meant that the speaking voice of Jesus was



heard. If they doubted that maybe John was a little deaf and didn't hear too well, John adds, "Which we have seen with our eyes." With this he makes it quite clear he is not talking about the mind's eye, but the physical eye, "Which we have looked upon." This meant not only seeing Jesus once or twice but being in close physical contact with Him and observing Him in all manner of situations. He then adds, "and our hands have handled," meaning that he had actually touched Him. He was probably thinking of Thomas and how Jesus had told him to handle me and see." But he also must have been thinking of the times when he was leaning on Jesus' breast and was very intimately close to Him.

John closes this first verse by calling Jesus the "Word of Life," and then he goes into detail to make them understand just what he is leading up to. "For the life was manifested," meaning it was revealed, or shown to those who were His followers. "And we have seen it," again making use of the sense of sight to impart this to them, "and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life."

Here John begins to give to them just what this Word was. First, it was eternal life, and to those who were seeking the soul's escape from the body, this gave to them an evidence that there was indeed a life beyond this one, but it also got their attention if they did not listen to the first part. But John wants to show not only the physical side of Jesus but the spiritual side as well.

The Gnostics were teaching that Jesus was only a phantom who was not really a man, but never felt any physical desires and was like a ghost with no real body. Therefore John sought to show the physical and now he is going into detail of the deity of Christ.

(Read vs 2b, from "Eternal life," ~~John~~ and then vs 3). Some seven centuries before the appearance of Jesus the prophet Micah said, (read Micah 5:2). He was speaking of Jesus whose being was without a beginning. John wrote in his Gospel, (read John 1:1,2). In the 8th chapter of Proverbs we read of the foreshadowing of Christ, (read vs 22-30). Then the world was created Jesus was with God. He is the Eternal Son, of the Eternal Father. John in his Gospel in the 1st chapter the 1st vs says that "Jesus was in the bosom of the Father."

He was with God at the beginning. Jesus himself declared that David had called him "Lord," and "before Abraham was, I am."

It is at this point then that those who have read or seen, or heard John's Gospel can understand the meaning of the words in chapter 1, vs 14, (read 1:14).

"What's The Good Lord?" It is Jesus Christ in the flesh come to earth to redeem mankind. It is Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father. It is Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, the Incarnation, or Immanuel, God with us.

So now we come to what all of this means to the believer. John says, vs 3b, (read), and this gives us fellowship with God the Father and with the Son Jesus Christ, and this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who taught John and the apostles and will also teach us if we let Him. We enjoy a fellowship with God which was not completely possible before the coming into the world of Jesus Christ. The Greek word for fellowship means a relationship between individuals and a mutual participation in that interest.

John closes this short portion of scripture with the words, "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." This is what should come forth when we understand that those who have come to the Lord are members of the family of God. The purpose of John writing to the early Christians and to us, was to make our lives become a joy. And whether you believe this or not this is what it should be.

But I need to ask you if you have this joy in your heart and life? If you must answer in the negative, then I would have to say that perhaps you do not completely understand that which we are talking about. Do you have fellowship with the Father and the Son? Do you know for certain that you have eternal life and you can be living that very life right now?

Near the end of this letter John tells us, and we will be looking at it further, (read John 5:12,13). If you don't know this I would be most happy to share it with you. If you have some doubts about any of it, please share it with me and we will strive to give you the assurance you need to have. Please do not feel embarrassed about this. Many people get all uptight about it and often because they have been in the church for years and never were aware of

this. But it is simple and basic, and can and will bring you peace and comfort and joy into your life. But especially it establishes a relationship with God made possible only through Jesus Christ. This is the joy we should all have, and ~~xxxx~~ your joy can and should be full.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 17, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Robin Knauer, and Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" J. S. Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Prayer of Confession (In Unison) "O Lord Jesus Christ  
who didst give Thy life for us that we might receive  
pardon and peace, mercifully cleanse us from all sin,  
and evermore keep us in Thy favor and love, who livest  
and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who In the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys, and Prayer Requests  
Prayer Meditation - Solo "He's Everything to Me" Carmichael  
Sung by Nancy Link  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" Bach  
Anthem: "Give Me A Faith" Bitgood  
Sung by Cyndie and Rob Sybert and the Chancel Choir  
Scripture: 1 John 1: 5-7  
Sermon: "Family Proverbs: 2 - Don't Step In the Puddles!"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Processional Hymn No. 318 "Nearer, my God, to Thee"  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude

Morris

----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been given by  
Mrs. Grace Riddle in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: "Robbie Vinroe, Steve  
Smith, Randy Dellen, Bob Dellen and Gordon Kennedy.  
Deacon and Mrs. Steve Vargo will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Linda McMillin.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship Meeting  
Tonight - 7- Teachers Training  
Today we would like to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Clifford  
Stepp on their 43 Wedding Anniversary.  
Monday - 6:00 - Fidelity Bible Class Tureen Dinner.  
Meat, Dessert and beverage will be furnished. Bring  
your own table service.  
Wed. - 7:30 - Golden Circle will meet. We will be  
making apple pies to be sold at the Soup and Salad  
Bazaar. Bring paring knife and any foil pie pans you  
have.  
Thurs. - Mary Martha Circle will be going to Sara Snows  
Camp. They will meet at the Church and are to bring  
hot dogs and buns.  
SOUP AND SALAD - Tues., Oct. 10. Tickets are now on  
sale and the price will remain the same as last year,  
\$1.75. There will be no soup sold by the quart this  
year until after all dinners are served.  
Next Sunday - 5:30 - Our Congregational Dinner in the  
Undercroft. Bring enough tureens to sufficiently  
serve your family.  
The Kindergarten department of the Church School is  
in need of a Lite-Bright Set. If your children have  
outgrown theirs - please leave the office or Pam Tait  
know before they have to purchase one.  
Hospitalized - Louis Zubik and Art Covert - V.A. Hosp.  
Lewis Kradel, and Lillian Kradel, Howard Jaillet -  
B. C. M. H.  
Youth Choir is starting - registration forms were  
passed thru the Sunday School today. Please get  
them back to the office or Karen Maloney as soon as  
possible.  
Wed. - 7:00 - Adult Choir (Changel Choir)



"Don't step in the puddles!"  
 (be all loyal & obedient, don't do as most men  
 do - I'm prov "don't step in the puddles")  
 his prov was to get them to accept him as a leader  
 need 4 vs Jn rel of Js up  
 vs 5-pt 2 previous tho't s sho 3 is lite & no dark  
 again pagan philos=broastrianism=3 lite/dark site  
 ther 4 Jn pt our xs 4 Js rep in flesh, 1 G Js cal F,  
 was 3 of lite, 1 no dark with Him=all good, no evil  
 this messa; Js giv 2 Jn 8 thoz walk, talk with Him  
 it not invent by ther think, but giv by G thru revel  
 not by rationalistic reason man, but G word  
 Gospel Jn 1:4-5-comp of lite/dark  
 (illus amateur paintr 3 hous, yello lite etc)  
 cul exam 4 bring lit dark worl 3t Js cane  
 Jn pt out serious thing we need 2 poudr=vs 6  
 fellowship=mutual relationship, a sharing special way  
 if say hav this relationship 3 vs 6b=sign out of  
 character  
 seed=1 thes 5:5; lph 5:8; 2 J r 6:14  
 alk in Gr-go about, refer 2 conduct, thots, deeds, wor  
 lay liv mus 3 consist with that lite 2 hav felship  
 all outsid mean stubbl saun's darkness, 1 walk in  
 ivs 12b exact shar relationship 1, fellow lievrz, 1 this  
 known couz clens powr blud Js H  
 let us look closely: vs 7a=for the puddles, keep away  
 from them; vs 7b=walk upon obstacles this life  
 vs 7b=1 mean 12 walk direc 4 set 4th 4us, 1 no mean  
 for 2do own thing; mean 2do 4 thing=alk set 4th row  
 1 can sit 1 if do vs 7c=actual relshp 4, 1 a man  
 fur relshp 4s up furthin special 4us=vs 7d  
 Jan 2Js 1 sin 4giv, past, present, futur 3 we now part  
 of 4 = 1 of his children  
 no man perf 1 sales, 1 mean sin+iv blud Ip  
 it mean if sin, (do daily) ask 4giv 1 claim it  
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 many spian 3k play this game 1 many in ch ea Sunday  
 cause thoz outsid no one join couz 2many hypocrites  
 1 all hypocrites 1ng nather, but 23 spian hypocri  
 1 avoid lik plague  
 (Illus soap mfg 1 minister)  
 This wat need kno, underst 1 this Jn impar 2 am 3  
 If profes Js 1s shue apply spianly 2live; need act,  
 walk, t 1ldif fecd worl; need sear far carbag, filth  
 worl 1 let peoe kno we walk in lite(para vs 7)

"family reverts: ? - n't step in the puddles!"

Text &amp; scripture: 1 John 1:5-7

I can see it as if I'm a small boy sitting on the school bus looking toward the house and when he felt he wasn't being watched stepping in the puddles which formed there when it rained. Or in the winter how he would step on the ice to see if it was solid or not. I can also recall how his father did the same thing when he was a boy. Perhaps some of you men here can recall back to your boyhood how much fun it was to step into the puddles being formed by the melting snow, just to see if it was over the top of the boots. Well needless to say, most boys have done this probably since ~~and~~ the beginning.

of creation. Thus the "Family Proverb: Don't Step In The Middle!" But I think we can also apply it to us and you. Yes, as and I would like to point this out as we look at this particular portion of Scripture.

We must continue to remember throughout this entire series on 1st John, that ~~he~~ John is speaking to people who are members of the family of God. His message is for those who are within in the family and not without. Remembering in that family comes through the acceptance of Christ. We need to remember this for it is important.

in the previous chapter, I have shown that the message of John 1:9-13 is that the message given by John the Baptist and heard "of Him," meaning Jesus, and declared by John to those who are in the family is that "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."

we need to understand once again that John is speaking by the light philosophical ideas which have interweaved into the Christian Church of that day. The ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism was one of the prevalent ones which introduced an idea of a constant struggle between two gods. There was the god of Light and the god of Darkness. The god of Light was the Good God, and the god of Darkness was the Evil God. However, John is pointing out that the God which Jesus represented in the flesh, and the God which Jesus called Father, was the "God of Light," and "in him is no darkness at all." Thus God is good and there is no evil connected with him in any way. This is the message which Jesus had given directly to John and those who had walked and talked with him. It wasn't something they had read about or invented in their thinking. It was a direct revelation by the one called the Son of God himself. This is given to us through revelation and not by the rationalistic thinking of man. This message

can be discovered by anyone who is willing to search God's Word and have it revealed there.

John writing in his Gospel tells of Jesus being the "light of men," (John 1:4, 9 read). Here again is the comparison between light and darkness.

(Illustration of amateur painter, house in grove at twilight, and yellow light). This is an illustration of the light that came into the world before Jesus came ~~xxxxxx~~.

But John once again after sharing the wonderful news of the love and mercy of God, brings those in the family back to the realities of this life by pointing out a serious point we all need to ponder. "If we say we have fellowship with Him," and here again fellowship means a relationship, a sharing in a special togetherness. If we say we have this mutual sharing with God through Christ, "and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ what John was saying here was that if this is so, we are witnessing a Christian out of character. Paul wrote several things about this as well. He said, to the Thessalonians, 1 Thess 5:5; and to the Ephesians, 5:8; and to the Corinthians, 2 Cor. 6:14. Walking ~~xxxxxx~~ as used in the Greek word, means to "travel." To travel in darkness; to stumble, to fall; to be out of order. The way we live must be consistent with that light.

"Fellowship" once again from the Greek means a mutual relationship. Thus to walk ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the light means to have Fellowship with God. Walking outside of it means that we are stumbling in Satan's darkness, and walking in his fellowship.

Our lives are to be an example by which we share the relationship with God, with fellow believers, and this fellowship is possible and known because of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ.

Now let us look at this closely so we understand clearly what is being said. John says, "If we walk in the light," in other words, "Don't step in the mud, keep away from the things which will soil you. Walk around the obstacles of this life."



"If we walk in the light, as he," meaning God, "is in the light," and this means we are to walk in the direction which God has set forth for us. It doesn't mean for us to feel free to do our own thing. It means for us to do God's thing, and that is to "live" as He has set forth in His word.

Now this is conditional again, and if we do this, "we have fellowship with one another." In other words we have a mutual relationship in which we share the things of God, and we have a relationship with Jesus Christ. But the relationship with Jesus Christ is something special for us.

We need to know that when we come to Christ, we have all of our sins, past, present and future forgiven. This means that we are now part of the family of God and as such are one of His children.

This doesn't mean that we are perfect or sinless. It merely means that those sins which we commit are forgiven by the blood of Christ because we belong to Him. It means that when we knowingly sin, and even if we do this daily, we need to ~~not~~ merely ask for forgiveness and claim it as being washed away. But this doesn't mean that because I know something is a sin, and I am forgiven that I go ahead and do it anyway, because I know I am forgiven. No, we are forgiven because of Jesus Christ. Instead, I strive to avoid those sins which I know will sever that relationship with Jesus Christ. I "don't keep in the fiddle," because I know that it hurts my testimony that I belong to Him.

But you see, there are many within the Christian Church who play the game with Jesus Christ and many of them sit in the pews on Sunday morning. Those outside the Church see how they act on Sunday and then witness how they act the other days of the week and the comment is made that a certain person will not join or attend a certain church because there are too many hypocrites in the Church. This is true. In fact, we are all hypocrites in some way or another, for we will say one thing and do another. But to be a Christian hypocrite is something we should be striving to avoid like the plague.

(Illustration of some men "fettered and blindfolded")

They are blindfolded so that they cannot see the way they are being led.



...  
...to the law of the world, but to the law of Jesus Christ, ...  
...we should apply this Christianity to our lives. We need to act differently,  
...differently, and talk differently than the rest of the world. What we  
do outside of the doors of this church is just as important as what we do while  
inside the building.

We need to separate our lives from the filth and garbage of the world and let  
people know that we are walking in the light, as He is in the light, and that  
we are this way because the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

"Don't get in the miller," ~~is the way of life~~ of life, is the way  
God wants to keep us clean from the soiling effect of the world.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 24, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Robin Knauer and Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes  
~~Mr. Paul Harrison - Liturgist~~

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude: "Prelude and Fugue in D minor" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Father, give us the Spirit  
Your Son has promised us; to make us honest people  
again; to know and face the truth; to see ourselves  
and cease from laying our defections at your door; to  
see your only goodness in our desperate need of you.  
Forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Hymn No. 188 "Holy Spirit, Truth divine"  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "I Call to Thee Lord Jesus Christ" Bach  
Duet: "Jesus is Lord of All" Gaither  
Sung by Karen Kennedy and Lloyd Link  
Scripture: 1 John 1:8-10  
Sermon: "Family Proverbs: 3- Truth Or Consequences"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Re ssional Hymn No. 399 "Once to Every Man and Nation"  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude: Morris  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been given by  
Mrs. H. F. Sandbach in memory of her "Mother"  
Mrs. E. M. Perrin  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Richard Mangel, Don  
Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.  
Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Diane Hollefreund  
Bill Thompson and Roy Andrews will be visiting the  
hospital this week.  
➤ Today after the service we need some men to help set  
up tables and chairs.  
➤ Tonight - 5:30 - Congregational Dinner. Please bring  
table service and enough tureens for your family.  
Make plans to attend - dinner will be prompt.  
There will be a special, (short), council meeting  
following the dinner tonight.  
The attendance on Sept. 10 was 199; on Sept. 17 - 188.  
➤ Wed. - Sept. 27 - Board of Christian Education meeting  
at 7:00.  
➤ We wish to congratulate Mrs. Sara Stepp on her Birthday  
this coming wednesday.  
➤ Hospitalized: Arthur Covert, Louis Zubik - V.A. Hosp-  
ital; Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Kradel, Donald Zeigler,  
Leroy Andrews, Jr., Lena Frederick - Butler Hospital;  
Edward Weichey - Cleveland Clinic. *John C. Ziegler - Philadelphia*  
ARC Class Outing - at Wogan's Camp near Cook's Forest  
October 8 - more details later - Make plans.  
Tuesday - Oct. 10 - Soup and Salad Day - Tickets \$1.75  
We need carrots, onions and cabbage.  
Please get registration forms for Youth Choir back  
into the office or to Karen Maloney. Now is the time  
to get started in this Choir.  
➤ There will be no Teachers' training this evening due  
to the Congregational dinner this evening.  
There are still Centennial plates in the office - if  
you should want one - cost \$3.50.  
If you have not picked up your Historical Booklet from  
the Centennial - it can be picked up in the office.  
No charge (one per family) for the first one; after  
that .75 per copy.

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"Family Levers: 3 - Faith & Consequences"

Text and Scripture: 1 John 1:1-10

(Illustration Little boy telling lies, I go to heaven; I go to heaven)

This is a good case in point to show us that there is a distinction between truth and falsehood. But God has shown to us that man is continually fighting this

battle and if he believes in the family of God, he must be a sinner.

The knowledge of our sinfulness is a good thing as it leads us to God again.

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the knowledge of our sinfulness is a good thing as it leads us to God again. It is a battle of deception.

(Illustration of conversion and his belief, "perfect.")

This is a good case in point. We need to know that even though we ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ our sins ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ have the forgiveness of all of our sin by the acceptance of Christ, this does not mean we are perfect, or sin free.

We will still commit sins today, and tomorrow, and the next day, and every day until God calls us home. Therefore, we must acknowledge that we are still sin-

ners, still sinful in nature, or else we are deceiving ourselves. But the secret that must be remembered because of the joy which it should bring, is that we are now forgiven sinners because of the acceptance of Jesus Christ and this is what John once again points us to in the ~~xxx verse~~ next verse.

John 1:10-11 is a warning to the believer that the old nature is not completely gone away with. There is still the potential to fall back into the ~~xxx~~ old habits and sins before the new birth took place. We need to be alert and concerned about our daily walk with Christ. It is something like petting a tiger on the head and saying, "Nice kitty." The tiger may appear to be perfectly tame, but lurking within the physical makeup of that beautiful cat is the old nature of being a killer and no one can foretell when it may suddenly revert to that nature.

In verse 9, John talks of "confessing our sins." We have all heard the words, "Confession is good for the soul," I am sure. This saying is very true and if you have ever walked it in your life, you can probably agree that to confess gives one a sense of relief. But we need to understand that John is not just



talking to anyone. He is talking to the believer, to those who have been born into the family through coming to Christ. To understand this better perhaps we should illustrate it by saying looking at it in another way.

Suppose a letter was sent to this church giving directions for us to do certain things, or act in a certain way. Do you believe that the other churches in Dallas, who did not receive a letter like this would pay any attention to what the letter told us to do? Of course not, because the letter was for us. So as we look at this verse we need to understand that if this particular verse applied to those who were in the family, and to those who were out of it, it would mean that there would be no reason to preach salvation through the blood of Christ to those who were outside, because all they would have to do to be a member of the family would be to confess their sins. Of course we see how ridiculous this would be. The word "confess," comes to us from two Greek words which are joined together. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ One of these words means "to speak," and the other means "the same." So "confess," then, means to "speak the same as, to agree with." So what is being said here is to "speak the same as God," or, "to agree with God on the same thing." And what is the same thing we would agree with God on? That we are sinners in need of forgiveness, and if "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

If you remember anything from the Old Testament you will recall that on the day of Atonement, the sin offering was presented before God by the High Priest on behalf of Israel. We read in Leviticus 16:32, (read this). So the Israelite then was able to live before God for another year because of the cleansing blood of the sin-offering. So this is the same as the cleansing blood of the blood offering of Jesus Christ.

But a question now arises even as it did for the Israelites and that is, "What about those little acts or sins which are committed after the cleansing has taken place?" Well again, there was a certain code or ritual set up for the Israelite and we can read this in Numbers 15:1-10. For the believer, the Christian,

the continuing cleansing takes place in our lives by the continual, or ongoing, work of Christ's presence in our lives. And this is exactly what John is saying in this 9th verse, (read it again).

Just as last time after time, John comes right back with a strong warning, and we read this in verse 10, (read it). He is saying here that it is "Truth or Consequences." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Many years ago there was a radio show which was called, "Truth or Consequences," and I think you remember it was a very popular show. The hostess would ask the caller, "Truth or Consequences?" I am sure all very vividly recall it. Well, I learned to dislike a certain scrub soap because it was used on so many several times because I was told. Later, I disliked this soap even more because I had to scrub floors with it. (and it is a good soap.) We may have read a recent column of Dear Abby in which a mother wrote about her son using bad language. Abby told the mother not to wash his mouth out with soap, nor to pay attention to his use of bad words. He was to just tell her that word was proper and he was not to use them again and if he did to ignore it. I couldn't help but think that the washing would give him a needed reminder the next time he was tempted to use the words, because the boys he was playing with were not going to stop using the words, and he needed to know that it was either, "Truth," or "Consequences" if he did.

This is what the believer needs to know, and that is, if he is not willing to grow, and if he is still going to sin, but does not believe with God, then he will pay the consequences and this amounts to alienation from God. It is calling God a liar, and we are acknowledging that God's Word has not had effect on us.

(Illustration of empty tank and "will it run?")

We cannot ~~run~~ work or run for God if "fuel" is having no effect on us. We need to be growing and walking closer with Him every day. This is the whole theme of ~~this~~ this letter which John wrote to those within the Family.

Those in the Family are to grow from the time we come to know Christ as our Saviour, until the day we go to be with Him. It means reading His Word and allowing it into our lives. It means attending the services of worship in order

to be fed the spiritual food which should be there, as well as to share this with the of like mind. But it also means to show forth this growth in our daily lives and thereby give witness that we belong to Him.

For those who belong to the Family of God we must understand, "If we say that we have not sinned," which means that there was no need for Christ to offer salvation for us. "We make Him a liar," and God's plan for us was not needed. When we know that, "His word is not in us," and we are the liars instead. It is either God's truth in us and in in our all aspects of our lives. Or it is the "consequences for our turning from the family into which God wants us to belong."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania Oct. 1, 1978  
World Wide Communion Sunday

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Jeff Knauer, Helen Hilliard - Acolytes

11:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP- HOLY COMMUNION

Prelude: "When in the Cross the Savior Hung" Bach  
"O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 176 "Crown Him with many crowns"

\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Call to Confession and Communion

\*Prayer of Confession (in Unison) "Father, as we gather to take our place at your table, we are most aware that we need to confess our sins and errors to you. Grant us your forgiveness for the anger, for the hatred, for the jealousy, for the selfishness, and for all other things which have caused us to be sorry and wish we could undo them. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen."

\*Kyrie

\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

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Announcements

Concerns, Joys, Prayer Requests

Morning Prayer - Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory "When in the Hour of Utmost Need" Bach  
Communion Hymn No. 341 "Here, O my Lord"

\*Order of Communion (middle page 33)

\*Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Anthem "God so Loved the World" Stainer

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-2

Sermon: "Family Proverbs: 4 - There's No Place Like Home"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Doxology

\*Recessional Hymn No. 63 "Our God, our help in ages past"

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude

Morris

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been given by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Miller in memory of "Loved Ones" The Lovely New Ferns on the Altar have been placed by Donn E. Miller in loving memory of his "Mother" Mrs. Dorothy Kaib Miller.

Elders and Deacons will serve Communion today - as well as serve as Ushers.

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation and visitors at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Gloria Walker and JoAnn Nagy.

Hospitalized: Lewis Kradel-ECMH; Art Covert and

Louis Zubik - V.A.; John Cyzzowitz - Passavant;

Ed Weichey - Cleveland Clinic. Lillian Kradel - Sunnyview.

Tonight - 7 - Teacher's Training Class

Monday - 7 - Holy Communion (Altar)

Monday - 7:30 - Mary Prugh Harnish Circle Meeting

Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting

Thurs. - The newsletter will be published - please have all material in by Wednesday.

Tuesday - October 10 - SOUP AND SALAD DAY. Onions and some cabbage is still needed. Tickets \$1.75 are available from Circle Chairman or can be purchased at Brugh Ave. entrance following Church today.

Next Sunday - 9:45 A.M. Sunday School will assemble to make a Constitutional Revision (approx. 5 minutes.)

Thurs. 12 - 7:00 P. M. - Special Teachers Meeting - very important.

If you have not picked up your Historical booklets - please pick them up in the office today. (one per family) free after that 75 a copy. There are still some centennial plates available at a cost of \$3.50.

Monday - Oct. 2 - Benevolent Committee meeting.

ARC Class outing at Wogan's Camp near Cook's Forest

October 8 - Beverage, Dessert and Meat will be furnished. After an afternoon of fellowship - supper will be promptly at 5:00 P.M. The Youth Fellowship is invited.

Oct. 2 - Bob Dellen - Harry Fry will be visiting the Hospital this week.

There are still a few "Living Bibles" at the rare price of \$4.75 for the Cloth Binding. Come to the office if interested.



"family revelation": 4- "There's no place like home"  
Text Scripture: 1 John 2:1-2  
(illus 2 hillbilly we go - new lace curtains/spider)  
Lil' Red: 1st  
Q: Can we see same fall;? our big, litl, but what about  
A: In fact this in civil sen...  
vs 1-2... am of it  
Q: ... believ without sin, & no commit sin  
Jn say her writ so they kept from sin, he ot out  
thing? keep believ from sin  
" 1c= if any man sin=means provision & that sin  
standard 4man is THAT YE SIN NOT, this always  
but sin will b, but id v turn from d sin  
standard really is=confession; t 3:42 how?  
Q: made righteous, this hap thru Jp giv 2 as thru dis  
but still sin. On no say I F... IN, it IS  
This cuz we need 2 in, but will scuz human 2 wen  
do we LIV W/ 2? A: 1-vs 1d  
Shldno our natur & old natur til show=lighter  
dis 2 o; old natur then call 2 help...  
... us & ...  
... been helper, intercessor  
Paraclete= 1p advocat on earth; helps our livs  
" " =Js 1p advocat 04 & in hvn; helps lead case  
A: even wif get lining  
Is no release hold on us cuz break felship, but inter-  
cede 04 & on our behalf  
and our 1e er, betray, Js can 2 bin; wash feet  
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(illus older lin)  
This wit in say=to place lik none & Js 1p our none  
... our sub W G, & le our satisfaction & sin  
... our haven, refuse & all of life

"Family" Paraphrase: #1 - "The House of the Father"

Text and Commentary: 1 John 2:1-2

(Illustration of two hillbillies when one visited the other and described what the new curtains across the window. The other replied that it was not curtains but a new window.)

The ancient philosopher Plato once said, "There is only one place to go." It doesn't seem like there is anywhere. To some it is a large house, to others it is a small cottage. But whatever it seems to represent, we know of it as a place to which we can return and there we can share our lives with other people. John had this in mind somewhere when he was inspired to write the portion of Scripture we are using this morning.

As we begin reading this 1st verse we see that John is telling them to write to him, "My dear friends." This is a term of endearment. It is a term Jesus used only once with his disciples and it was just before he was to leave them. Once again we can see that John is addressing his concern to the members of the family of God and he starts off by calling them "little children."

"That ye sin not," is a term he ~~is using~~ is using, which does not imply that any believer is without sin, and will not commit sin. At first glance this could be very misleading. But John is actually saying that he is writing to them ~~in~~ so they can be kept from sin. It doesn't seem to be as fatherly that a believer is incapable of sin, but instead, he is ~~warning~~ warning them not to sin. When we understand this we can see there is a vast difference between the two ideas.

Then John goes on to say, "and is ~~a~~ <sup>any</sup> sin," and then follows the provision for that sin. But we need to understand first of all that God's standard for man, is, "That ye sin not." This always has been His standard and always will be His standard. But man is the one who has turned from God, and they will sin.

John points out that we are to arrive to live up to the perfection God wants from us, "That ye sin not." But knowing the heart of man and understanding that sin will come forth he says, "and if any man sin." John could have said, "when any man sin," but he didn't. And he didn't because he didn't want anyone to

believe that we have to sin. We set to strive as hard as we possibly can to stop from sin. But being human we do sin and it is at this point that John says "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Once again John is recognizing the inherited ~~human~~ nature which we all possess.

(Illustration of tiger, "Nice kitty, kitty," and all who are inside)

"We do our best. We ~~human~~ try to tear off the old nature, but it is still there deep inside waiting to be released by merely giving in to it.

But we have an advocate who is there to help us in our time of need. It is interesting to note that the word John uses here for advocate is the same word Jesus used when He said He was going to send a "Comforter." The word in Greek is "Paraclete" which actually means helper or intercessor. So when we understand that the Paraclete from God was the Holy Spirit, and the Paraclete John is speaking about is Jesus we see an interesting thing. When we see the Paraclete from God as promised by Jesus is the Holy Spirit is our advocate on earth.

Secondly we see that Jesus is our advocate in heaven before the Father. The Holy Spirit is our helper on earth and Jesus is our helper in heaven. He is pleading our case before God even when or while we are sinning. We love and adore His love on us daily because we break fellowship with Him, but instead intercedes before God on our behalf. We can see an example when Peter. Peter denied Jesus but to what did Jesus appear when He arose from the grave? Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet, but Jesus did it anyway and we see the love Jesus had for His followers. This is the same love He has for you and me today as He pleads for you and me before God when we break fellowship through sin. Just as Jesus was our advocate on the cross, so He is our advocate before God. We need to remember that sin interrupts communion with God, and our advocate Jesus Christ restores it.

But how can the relationship be restored when the believer has broken fellowship with God? The answer is through repentance, and the forgiveness of sins. This satisfaction was given and given to Jesus Christ. The word "satisfaction" means just that. "Satisfaction." It is suffering and death brought about

The arkification had come to its end. Through Christ's blood flowing as silver  
 the wrath is turned away. Here again it is much like the Mercy Seat used by  
 the Israelites. On the Day of Atonement the priest sprinkled the mercy seat with  
 blood, and that blood was the cleansing of the people from their sins.

(Illustration of "Wave line from sunhouse, " at El Estero de )

This is what John is saying: ~~us~~ to you and I who are members of the Family of God. He is saying that there is no place like home, and Jesus Christ is our home. ~~and this is our home~~ He was our substitute before God. He was the gift of His Father and He is our Father's Father. But He is our home in all of life if we truly are a member of His Family.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost October 8, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Jeff Knauer and Helen Hilliard - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Sonata in C Minor" Mendelssohn  
\*Processional Hymn No. 12 "For the beauty of the earth"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation

\*Confession (In Unison) "Almighty God, who hast gathered thy people throughout the ages and in all the world into one Church, forgive us the painful divisions and wounds which we thy children have inflicted upon thy household of faith. Grant us the grace to overcome our human errors and prejudices that we may walk together in the unity of our one Master; in whose name we pray. Amen."

\*Kyrie

\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

\*Praise

\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips

\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

\*Doxology

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests

Duet: "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" Thomas Dorsey  
Sung by Dutch and Howdy Bolam

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray.

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory: "Children of the Heavenly Father"  
Hokanson

Anthem: "Faith of our Fathers" Ringwald - Chancel Choir

Scripture: 1 John 2:3-11

Sermon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 5 - REMEMBER THE WISE OWL"  
Linker and Lord's Prayer

Recessional Hymn No. 380 "O Zion, haste, thy mission"

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude:

Morris

----- \*Congregation Standing -----

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Weichay in memory of "Parents"

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Steve Vargo

Deacon and Mrs. Rodney Rensel will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cindy McWilliams,  
and Robin Knauer.

Art Carney and Rod Rensel will be visiting the hospital this week.

> Hospitalized: Mr. Gottlob Kradel, Mrs. Eleanor Sandbach, Mrs. Judy Shearer. - BCMH - 607

Art Covert and Louis Zubik - V.A.

Monday - They need all the help in the kitchen we can get Since we are having a second fund raising in February. Lots of people are needed to prepare vegetables. Anyone is welcome - just come to the Church starting at 9:00.

> Tuesday - SOUP AND SALAD DAV. Tickets will be available at the door or see Judy Fry this morning.

> Thursday - 7:00 P.M. - Special Teachers meeting - Important.

Don't forget if you are interested in a purse for Rev. Cooper - money has to be in no later than Oct. 22nd. - please mark as such.

> Today the ARC Class will be going to Wogan's Camp. Meat, dessert and beverage will be provided. Bring your own table service and tureen. We will eat promptly at 5:00 P.M. ~~Let's go!~~

There was a total of 210 at the service last week, and 171 in attendance on Sept. 24th.

Jane Armstrong will be in the Church Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. - incase you want to bring the bazaar items in early.

New members will be received into the Church next Sunday. If you know of anyone interested in joining leave the Pastor know.

Flowers are needed for December fill in chart - Narthex.

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"Family Devotional: 5 - December The Wise Owl"

Scripture: 1 John 2:4-11

My own attempt during the week has been to be a good owl. In children we probably all learned something about the "wise owl." Someone has jokingly said, "When you notice how much smarter you are today than you were ten years ago, you shouldn't let this type of thinking stop. Follow the same customing until you realize how much smarter you are today, then you will be ten years from now."

But if the owl is supposed to be a little wiser, and he is not, then he is a foolish owl," says a well known saying. "I" for the understanding of what John is imparting in this particular portion of Scripture.

In this Scripture we will find a text which each of us could take. In three verses John begins by saying, "So that saith," and then he shares the text for us. He begins in the 4th verse by telling us that if we love him, meaning Jesus, then we will keep his commandments. What was it Jesus told his disciples to do when he was giving them leave of them? He said it recorded in the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John. He says, "If ye love me keep my commandments." He also said, "Whoever loveth me, he will keep my commandments, and he will abide in my love." This is a very strong indication of anyone. It becomes doubly strong when we realize that quite often we fall into this category.

But if we know the first letter of the word "owl," we have the answer, and that is, we are not. We must be obedient. And if we are obedient then John points out in the 5th verse, "But whose keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." But in order for this to take place we must be obedient.

A famous coach once said of his players, "They do not go into training, they stay in training." And this is the lesson we must learn. It is not a desire to be of Christ today and then forget it for several days or weeks. Instead, it is being a Christian every day, day by day, week by week. All we need to do is to look about us and we can see the results of disobedience. Broken homes,





One of the key things which helped to bring about the revival which swept across Canada and the Northwest section of our nation several years ago was people who were willing to reach out to one another in love. I heard of two brothers who were members of the same congregation who hadn't spoken to each other in over 20 years. When they met in front of the church by the altar rail and embraced, it started a wave of forgiveness within that congregation that practically swept it off its feet. This is what we need to do if we are to come with anyone in our midst.

John closes this portion of scripture on a happy note in verse 10 and then returns to the elimination of spiritual darkness.

What how much easier it is to be searching for someone of your own kind, but how difficult it is to reach out to someone of another color or culture. We need to rise high enough that we do indeed remember the wiseowl. We need to become obed-

So that the love which is in us is the love of God.

And to love is the commandment of Jesus Christ and those others we really belong to Him. And we need to love even if He loved us.

We are not being called to do something which is extremely easy to do. The way of human nature is opposed to being loving and we see it all around us. But if we really belong to Him, and are truly born again into His family, we shall, by His grace, be able to love Him, to love our fellow men, to love the world, to walk in the light, and to love as we should.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost Oct. 15, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Tom Heilefreund and Karen Pfabe- Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Choral Song" Wesley  
\*Processional Hymn No. 65 "This is my Father's world"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "God of fathers, we confess our fear of life. We need courage. Everyday crises upset us. Hidden fears threaten to undermine us. We find ourselves praying that certain tests should not come our way - that important questions may by-pass us. We settle for superficial routines, pretending that the deeper issues do not involve us. Yet, we know that to avoid reality means living in a fool's paradise, and we cannot be content. That is why we pray for the courage to face the world as it confronts us, that by your grace we may at last become the people you would have us be, in the image of Jesus our Lord. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
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Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Hymn No. 228 "Behold us, Lord"  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
New Members Received  
Offering  
Offertory: "Aria" Handel  
Hem: "And Can It Be" (Chancel Choir) Johnson

Scripture: I John 2:12-17  
Sermon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 6 - LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Recessional Hymn No. 282 "Faith of our fathers!"

\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude "Fantasy in C" J. S. Bach  
\*Congregation Standing  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. Margaret McClymonds in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Rob Vinroe, Steve Smith, Randy Dellen, Bob Dellen and Gordon Kennedy.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Dru Rensei and Beth Burns.

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Zubik, Family and Friends of Louis Zubik who passed away this week.  
Tonight - 8:00-8:00 - Youth Fellowship *any ride*  
Monday - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class  
Wed. - 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal  
Next Sunday - 3:00 - Lake Erie Association Meeting at St. Peter's Church in Zelenople. Please let the Pastor know if you plan to attend - We need a group to go. *7:30 PM*  
The attendance last Sunday was 178  
This week in the mail you should of received a Budget, Revised Constitution, letter telling about the Membership changes, Program of Progress letter and envelopes for same. The Budget will be presented to the Congregation after the Service on Nov. 5. Election of Elders and Deacons will be the same Sunday.  
Christian Enlistment Sunday will be Nov. 12; Family Thankoffering will be the 19th; Family Advent Wreath making will be on the 26th.  
Paul Campbell and Don Kingsley will be visiting the hospital this week.  
New Members received this morning: Letter of Transfer- Mrs. Mildred Welch. Profession of Faith - Mrs. John Wogan (Elaine)  
Flowers are needed for Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31.  
High School Senior Visitation Day at Grove City College Oct. 21 and November 11 - Details on Board in NartheX.  
*Our S available all services on 1-800-331-1001*

"Family Proverb: - Love Father, Love Son."  
scrip: 1 John 3:1-17

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vs 17=his conclus a thoz Fam G 23 Lik F, Lik Son a  
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"Family Proverbs: 6 - Like Father, Like Son."

Text: 1 John 2:12-17

A family proverb I am certain we have all heard is the one which states, "Like Father, Like Son." This of course is the same as saying, "He's a chip off the old block." Or, "He is just like his father." This implies being identified with the actions of ones earthly father, and it can be used both in a positive and a negative manner.

In our Scripture for this morning John ~~xxx~~ brings this Family Proverb to the fore, but he does it by including the whole family in it. Once again we need to realize that John is speaking to those who are within the Family of God and this means those who have accepted Christ as their Savior and therefore become Born into the Family. We need to constantly remember that we do not become a part of the Family unless we are born into it, and this birth takes place through Christ.

Although we begin our Scripture with the 12th verse let us look first at the 13th verse. John says, "I write unto you fathers, because ye have known Him from the beginning." John is not speaking to an elderly group of men, but instead to those who are the elders of the church, or the church leaders. He is speaking to the men who have either known Jesus personally, or have known of Him, or about Him, and once again John is pointing out the Trinitarian aspect of Jesus by saying, "Him that is from the beginning." He places Jesus at the very creation which makes Jesus as God and Son also. John is commending these men by pointing out that they have "known" Him, meaning of course both perhaps the actual knowing of Jesus in His earthly ministry, but also knowing Him by living as He had taught.

Then John says ~~xxxx~~, "I write to you young men, because ye have overcome the evil one." Here he is commending those young men who ~~xxx~~ have not only come to Christ, but are living in opposition to the temptations of Satan. These young men are walking in the footsteps of their fathers, as well as the footsteps of Jesus Christ. They are being obedient ~~xx~~ and maturing in their faith on a day by day basis.

But let us now backtrack to the 12th verse and here John says, "I write unto you little children,"<sup>2</sup> and here is that endearing term, "Teknia" in Greek. It is written as a loving father to beloved children. But when we look at the latter part of the 13th verse we see John says, "I write unto you little children," but there is a distinct difference between the two phrases. The term "little children" in the 13th verse is "laidia" in Greek and it means ~~xxx~~ infants. In the 12th verse John is writing to those who are beloved children in the faith, those who have come to Christ and are working at growing in the faith. In the 13th verse he is talking about "Infants," or those who are just new in the Lord and are just beginning to grow.

Then when we look at the 14th verse John reiterates again what he said previously and he is commending the Fathers and the Sons. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ He is ~~XXXXXX~~ saying what we would say, "Like Father, Like Son." Meaning of course that the sons are following in the footsteps of the fathers which is what they should be doing.

But as John so often does in his writings, he now gives some very timely advice. ~~read~~  
(Read verse 15). John is advocating ~~the love of the things of the world as opposed to the~~  
~~love of the things of the world~~ a real love for the things of God as opposed to the  
things of the world. He is not saying that we must do away with all that we  
have and live in abject poverty. He is saying that the things of the world can  
so overcome us that we will love the world more than we love God. And if we  
come to love the world more than God, then God will be separated from us, which  
is what he means by the "Love of the Father is not in him." We will separate  
ourselves from God first of all by our loving the world, and God will separate  
himself from us because our love is not turned toward him, thus, his love is  
not turned toward us. It becomes a vicious cycle and one which many well  
meaning and believing Christians find themselves these days. We are living in  
a world which has many more allurements and ~~the~~ things which dazzle our sight  
and tempt our desires for them. All of the various technical gadgets which can  
and will make life that much more easy to free us for more recreation and plea-  
sure. Thus, we live in a society which is running full speed toward its own

destruction at a rate and pace as never seen before. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

A preacher once said, "We are going to hell on a bicycle," meaning that we are running in that direction ~~in~~ faster than walking. But I believe that we could truthfully say ~~xxx~~ that today we are going to hell by rocket. We have increased the tempo and speed as we hurtle toward our own self-destruction and all because we want more leisure, more recreation, more entertainment, more relaxation and more and more of the ~~xxx~~ things of the ~~xxx~~ world. Satan is alive and well on planet earth and largely because we do not want to acknowledge that he is just as capable of leading us astray, as we acknowledge that Jesus Christ can lead us aright. This is what John was driving at in this 15th verse.

But then John goes on and breaks this down even further by pointing out what was in the world, (verse 16a). What did this consist of? First, the "Lust of the flesh," (16b); second, "And the lust of the eyes," (16c); and third, "And the pride of life," (16d). Where is this encountered in a concrete way in which we can see it in Scripture? In the 3rd chapter of Genesis we read this exact thing. We read in the 6th verse that, "The woman saw that the tree was good for food." This is the "Lust of the flesh." This is to desire something in a material way. We think of the lust of the flesh as being only sexual sins. But it involves more than that. It is to be gluttonous, to be selfish, to want more and more of the world's goods. This is the lust of the flesh, and this is what Eve was desiring. Then the woman saw that the tree, "Was pleasant to the eyes," (6b). This was the "Lust of the eyes." This is the sin of desiring what the eye sees. It is the sin of believing that happiness consists of all the things which money can buy, and doing our very best to acquire more and more to satisfy this evil hunger. And then we see that Eve saw the tree, "To be desired to make one wise," (6c). This was the sin of "The pride of life." This is the sin of possessing something in order to have the greater knowledge to possess still other things. This is the sin of gaining knowledge or education in order to trample over others to get ahead. It is the sin of using whatever influence is available to move ahead of the field. It is getting rich schemes, cheating and stealing by devious means from those who are not as smart as we are. John concludes this verse by



pointing out that these three types of actions are not of God, but are of the world.

He further concludes his admonishment to those within the family with the words, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." John's conclusion for those within the Family of God, is to be, "Like Father, Like Son." To be like God the Father wants us to be, because we have the life and example of His Son Jesus Christ to follow.

(Illustration of Silversmith & seeing self in silver like mirror)

Now about you and me? Do ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ we see ~~God~~ our reflection mirrored in ~~him~~ God the Father? Does the world around us see the reflection of the Son in us? Can it be said of each of us, "Like Father, Like Son?"

We need to be double sure that if we call ourselves members of the Family of God, that whether we are considered as Fathers, or young men and women, or Children, meaning of course which state of development we are in, that our interests are centered in Him and in those things which cannot pass away.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost      October 22, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Tom Hollefreund and Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Prelude"      Corelli  
\*Processional Hymn No. 8 "Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord, Our Father, we come to  
you as a people who are a part of the community of  
believers. We seek your guidance for we know that the  
Church cannot exist without it. Forgive each member of  
your Church for their individual and corporate sins.  
Keep us true to the commitment of upbuilding the Church  
throughout the world. Keep us from the divisions that  
separate us from others. And always keep us steadfast  
in your love, in Jesus name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
    \*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
    \*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Hymn No. 232 "Mid all the traffic of the ways"  
Call to Prayer  
    Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
    People: And with thy spirit.  
    Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
    Offertory: "Sarabande"      Corelli  
Anthem: "With a Voice of Singing" M. Shaw Chancel Choir  
Scripture: 1 John 2: 18-27  
Lesson: "Family Proverbs: 7 - Scratch the Surface"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 272 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

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\*Congregation Standing - Morris  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. William Johnston in memory of Mrs.  
Johnston's "Father" - Harry Peters.  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Richard Mangel, Don  
Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.  
Deacon and Mrs. Bruce McBride will greet the Congrega-  
tion at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Pauline Fencil,  
and Lori Zavacky.  
Hospitalized: Mr. Harvey Campbell  
    Arthur Covert - V.A. Hospital.  
This afternoon - Lake Erie Assoc. meeting St. Peter's  
UCC - Zellenople at 3:00P.M. Contact the Pastor if  
you can attend.  
Mike Nazaruk and Howard Bolam will be visiting the  
hospital this week.  
Tonight - 7:30-9:00 - Youth Fellowship Meeting.  
November 5 - Election of Elders and Deacons and also  
the adoption of the Budget at a Congregation meeting  
following the Service. Those already nominated are:  
Elder - Art Snyder, Allen Botacchi, Bob Dellen and  
Herb Shearer. Deacon - Sara Snow, Karen Maloney,  
Bruce McBride, Harry Burns, Coyle Fowler, George  
Eichhorn and Robert Knauer. You may also make nomina-  
tions from the floor - providing you have that persons  
consent.  
Wed. - 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Rev.  
Ralph Link and the Women's Fellowship for their kindness  
and help, during the recent death of my husband, Louis  
Zubik. I would also like to thank all the members of  
St. Pauls, who sent food, and for the beautiful flowers,  
and a special thanks for the Prayers read and the cards  
sent, during my husbands long illness. - Mrs. Zubik.  
I would like to thank the folks of the church for their  
cards, flowers, and especially their prayers during my  
recent surgery and hospitalization. It meant so much  
to me.  
Sincerely, Eleanor Sandbach.

"Family Proverbs: 7 - Scratch the Surface"  
1 John 2:18-27

Surround all sides things vie 4 our allegiance  
Ad 1d responsib 4 much, mus do research 24 fal victim  
Jn say Fam Prov=John 3:17-18 20 wat beneath  
Jn giv this advic this scrip  
1st=speak last times vs 18a=Paul, John mos write this  
ley believ Js cum 24 they die but 1900 cum/gon not  
(Illus south, Oct 10, 71, 11:50, 300 bucks) yet  
Jn sur last time leuz many antichrist, 2day we 3  
cum 3 other many nation, cultur 1k 4 2nd Jun Ap  
Time no import, but 10 cedig?  
vs 19=peop 3day 4 Church 4 split, explain why  
alms lik Jn writ 2day 4 us=Cults:J witness, Mormon  
Moonies, are Krishna, Armstrong  
all hav kernel truth, then distort or water down  
Jn say wer not all of us=steer clear  
vs 20=Jn 3:18 1k 4 2nd Jun Ap=1k beneath leuz 3 know this  
vs 21=reason 4 writing  
vs 22=the lie?  
vs 23 4 24=almost lik Jn wrote this 4 yesterday now  
spaper  
peop wil 2 acpt Js as grt man, proph, but G?? Never  
examp: 3 preacher ask 2 resign leuz preach Ap  
1 no peop lv gud cong leuz want worls not Ap  
2er cert thing we ris/fal on 3 thez fundamentals  
div of Ap, Virg birth, 1eth bodily resur, 2nd con  
we either 4 or agin 4 if 4then can no compromise  
with world if agin=disgrntl 4 unholy  
vs 24=Jn 3:18 1k 4 2nd Jun Ap=1k beneath leuz 3 know this  
vs 25=Jn 3:18 1k 4 2nd Jun Ap=1k beneath leuz 3 know this  
vs 27=Anointing 4 vs 20=Unction; now wat he say?  
ly one=Js Ap 4 Unction 4 Anoint=Baptizm Js Ap  
descend dove, they told 4 son, 4 this visibl anoint  
gr 3:18 1k 4 2nd Jun Ap=1k beneath leuz 3 know this  
Wat Jn tel thos insid Fam og 4?  
Jn 14:15-17=prom of H sp  
25-26=Ident as H sp  
then Js tel discip Jn 13:7-11 4 13-14  
vs 27=Js is 4:18 4 if the anoint we receiv is H sp  
then that indwel is truth even as Js sed wud 3  
Think of 12! We hav an infalble teach=n 3r Himself  
Need underst hav 2 safeguards 4 our lives  
1st H sp 2 lead ind all truth 4 wat is truth?  
word of 3 4 so hav H sp 2 guid 4 writ word 2 direct  
we on test things this worl by 3's yardstik Bibl 4  
by direction of H sp  
(Illus of woman, queen visit 4 Ap liv her hous)  
Can we say Js Xp liv here, within wal this frame call  
earthly body? We need 2 scratch surface 4 discern if

"Family Proverbs: 7 - Scratch the Surface"

1 John 2:18-27

One of the things which confronts each of us in our present day world is the fact that we are surrounded on all sides by many things which vie for our allegiance. We see and hear of so many things which sound so good for our proper well being that quite often we are fooled by them and thus become sceptical concerning something similar which may come along. The advertising industry has been largely responsible for this because they have invented such nice, cute little ways to lure us into trying a product only to learn to our dismay that it does not quite do what it is supposed to do. This is true of so many other areas of life as well and so many of us have come to the conclusion that we must do a little research before we ~~xxxxxx~~ fall victim to some scheme. Thus many have learned to dig a little deeper into something before we commit ourselves and we could say this has given us a "family proverb" of, "scratch the surface," to see just what lies beneath.

John was giving this advice to those within the Church family in that portion of Scripture we just read. There are several things which John tells us in this Scripture. In fact, he gives us so much material that we could not possibly expect to cover it in one lesson. But, John covers three main thoughts in this Scripture which we will share this morning.

First, John begins by speaking of the last times, vs 18a, (read). John wrote of the last times; Paul wrote about it; and so did almost all of the other writers of the New Testament in one form or another. Why did they write in this fashion? Simply because they believed that Jesus Christ was going to come back bodily in their lifetime. Well we see that over 1900 years have come and gone and still he has not appeared. But each day brings that final day that much closer, and we need to be prepared for it, and this in essence was what each writer was

teaching of in their writings. Just last week a group somewhere in the south had predicted that October the 10th, 1978 at 12:30 A.M. the world was going to end. They were so sure of it they collected 500 dollars from anyone who wanted to be spared and then they permitted that person or family to share a large cave and await the end. I haven't heard what has happened since the ~~xxx~~ world



did not end, or what they did with the \$500 dollars they collected. It would be interesting to hear wouldn't it?

John was sure it was the last time because there were so many who were Anti-Christ's, and he felt positive it had to be taking place right then. The rise of one super Anti-Christ is to signify the ~~xxx~~ second coming of Jesus Christ and the coming together of world powers uniting themselves and their nations is one of the signs we are to look for and this is taking place today. Therefore, we must know that the days we live in can be called the "Last Time" as well. It isn't important whether it happens during our lifetime or not, instead what is important, is are we ready?

John then explains why he calls them Anti-Christ's in vs 19. Now what he is really saying here is that these people started out in the Christian Church. They were members and were first relying upon God for the answers, but then they became self-sufficient and since they were in disfavor among their brethren they left the church and formed their own little groups. John points out that "they would have continued with us," meaning that they must have begun to be involved in controversy with the others in the church. So John points out, "they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." This means that they knew there was a difference of opinion and belief, and so they could not both teach the same things and this had to cause a split. It almost sounds as if John were writing in our own day and age. We look around and we see the cults which are growing stronger every day because people are not willing to hear and know God's revealed truth in the Christian Church. In case you are wondering what some of them are, they are the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormons, the church of Herbert and Ted Armstrong, the Moonies, Hare Krishna and on and on. These are cults and are not Christian because they deny the basics of Christianity. Each of them have a kernel of truth within them, but they either water down or distort the truth to their own satisfaction and use. Therefore, John wrote of them, "they were not all of us," or they don't belong to us, and the admonition is to steer clear of them.

So John points out in the 20th verse, "But ye have ~~an~~ unction from the Holy One ~~and~~ ye know all things." He is saying that they have been able to "scratch the surface," and they should know truth from error. The word "unction" means an anointing and we will come to this again in another verse later on.

We come now to the second point John wants to make and that again has to do with false doctrine. He points out his purpose for writing was not to point out the truth because they knew that, but that they were to remember to continue to seek the truth, vs 21, (read).

John questions who is lying to them, vs 22a? Anyone who denies the Son denies the Father, and you can't have one without the other, vs 22 & 23, (read). Here again ~~we~~ as we look at this part of our Scripture it is almost as though John had just written this yesterday and we saw it printed in today's newspaper. People are all upright these days because they don't want to hear about the Divinity of Jesus Christ. They are willing to accept him as just another prophet or a great man, but as God? Never! I know of people who are leaving congregations where the truth is being preached because they can't stand the spotlight of God shining into their lives and making them aware that it is only by faith that we come to God and not by works. I know of 300 ministers who have been asked to resign and the reason is not because they are preaching heresy, but instead because they are preaching ~~the Word as it should be preached~~ the Word as it should be preached and these people will have none of it. I know of people within this congregation who are upset and uptight because some of my preaching has not been in the accustomed style that ~~xxx~~ <sup>they</sup> think it should be.

But we must know that there are certain things we either stand or fall on. There are certain fundamentals of the faith which need to be a part of all of our lives. The Virgin birth of Jesus Christ, the death and resurrection, the Trinity, these are all things which separate us from the cults and those who want to only preach a liberal no commitment Christianity. We are either for or against these fundamentals of the faith. And if we are for them, we stand on them with no compromise. If we are against them we are unhappy and disgruntled if the preacher preaches them. It's as simple as that.

John then writes exactly what I have just said, and that is to stay in the fundamentals of the faith, and the promise which is that of eternally with God, vs 27-28.

He spells out his purpose once again for writing, vs 29, so they may know that there are those who would lead them astray if possible. At this point then, John is writing to share with them what he calls, "Anointing." In verse 20 he calls it, "An Unction." Now what is he talking about? We probably need to backtrack a little to understand this more fully. The Holy One, or Him to which John refers is Jesus Christ. What happened when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist? He was visited by the descending Dove and God spoke to those assembled to know this was something special. This visitation was the visible anointing of Jesus Christ. The Greek word "Christos," means, "The anointed one." The Holy Spirit "Chrisma" means, "The anointing." Now in light of this, just what was John telling those within the Family of God? If we turn to the 14th chapter of ~~John~~ the Gospel of John we read there in the 16th and 17th verses about the promise of the Holy Spirit to come. Then in the 19th and 20th verses he identifies this Comforter as the Holy Spirit. But then what does Jesus further tell His disciples? In the 15th chapter of John 7 to 11, and 13 and 14 Jesus makes the final explanation to them. What John is saying here is that Jesus is truth, and if the anointing we receive is the Holy Spirit; then that indwelling in us is truth even as Jesus said it would be in John 16:13. Think of it! We have an infallible teacher, which is the Holy Spirit Himself. What we need to understand here is that we have two safeguards for our lives. First, we have the Holy Spirit which has anointed all those who have accepted Christ. This Holy Spirit is to lead us into all truth. What is the truth of God? It is His Word. So we have the Holy Spirit in our hearts to guide us, and we have the written Word to give us further guidance. Thus we can test the things of this world by God's yardstick, His Word, and by His guidance to us through the Holy Spirit.

(Illustration of woman and Christ living in her house, not just a guest)

Can we say that Jesus Christ lives here, within the walls of this frame we call our earthly body?  
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we intend to "scratch the surface," and determine if this is so.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania

Reformation Sunday October 29, 1978

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Tom Hollefreund and Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 322 "The Church's one Foundation"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen

\*Exhortation

\*Confession (In Unison) "Almighty God, forgive us for our faulty following of the Master: our slow faith in His power to save; our timid, hesitant answers to His call for service; our insensibility to the meaning of His cross; for all that mars our discipleship, and make it difficult for others to believe in Him. We ask it all in His name. Amen."

\*Kyrie

\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

\*Praise

\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

\*Doxology

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Concerns, Joys and Prayers Requests

Solo "Reach out and Touch" Charles E. Brown —  
Sung by Karen Maloney

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray.

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory: "O Jesus So Meek" Hokanson

Anthem: "Built on the Rock" Lindeman

Scripture: 1 John 2: 28-33

Sermon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 8 - BLOOD IS THICKER  
THAN WATER"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*Recessional Hymn No. 281 "A mighty fortress is our God"

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude "O God Our Help" Young

----- \*Congregation Standing -----

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar today have been placed

by Mr. Homer Beatty in memory of "Loved Ones"

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Mike Nazaruk, Gottlob  
Kradel, Roy Andrews and James McClymonds.

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation  
and Visitors at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today

\*Hospitalized: David Steffler, Harvey Campbell.

Walter Harmon and Chuck Penar will be visiting the

Hospital this coming week.

Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship Meeting

Tonight - 7-9 - Teacher's Training Meeting

Monday - 1:00 - Service at Sunnyview Home - We need

people from the Congregation to attend and help with

the singing. Meet at the Home. **AT 1:00**

Tuesday - 7:15 Bible Study - Studing the Book of

Daniel - Everyone is welcome

Wed. - 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - Congregational Meeting for the purpose

of the Budget Presentation and Adoption. The election

of Elders and Deacons will also take place. The names

so far on the ballot are: Elder - Art Snyder, Allen

Botacchi, Bob Dellen and Herb Shearer. Deacon -

Sara Snow, Karen Maloney, Bruce McBride, Harry Burns,

Coyle Fowler, George Eichhorn and Robert Knauer.

You may also make nominations from the floor -

providing you have that persons consent.

Mr. Gottlob Kradel would like to thank the Congregation

for the cards, flowers, especially the Prayers and

also for Rev. Link's visits while he was a patient

in the Hospital.

There is a glass cake dish missing from the Soup and

Salad Day. Please check your dishes and make sure

you have the right one.

November 12 - Christian Enlistment Day.

Our congratulations to Evelyn and Alvin Shakely on their

38th Wedding Anniversary - Oct. 28th.

Attendance - Oct. 15th-153; Oct. 22 - 132

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"family proverbs: " - Blood is thicker than water  
 Text: Scripture: 1 John 2:1-13

Let us begin with the teaching, a story that in John  
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Or are it would be same thing as of world?  
1 we talk about others, 2 friends, or are we talking;  
2 our friend Js about needs of these people?

Duz our walk appear diff from thez around us?  
Or 1 we still in habit of visit thez haunts we used  
hav long abandoned wen we came 2 Kp?

1 our actions thez of 1 who luv Js Kp?  
Or 1 we still let out 4 old #1 at expense of others?

This wat Jn put 4th 4 us 2 consider  
he say, "Everyman ~~has~~ who has this hope in him,"  
meaning the hope of being just like Js; that man,  
justifieth himself even as he," Jesus Christ, "Is  
pure."

May we either measure up to this standard, or be in  
2 ~~not~~ ~~xxxx~~ so to do.

May we show 2 the world that blood is thicker than  
water, as evidenced by having the blood of the family  
of God flowing in and through us.

Family Proverbs: 2 - Blood is Thicker Than Water"

Scripture & Text: 1 John 2:21-3:3

Last week the portion of Scripture we used spoke about the apostasy of the Church. We learned of those who were once in the Church and who were now on the outside. John has given all sorts of warnings that far for each member of God's Family. But now in this portion of Scripture he makes us aware of a rather unique relationship which ~~is~~ belongs to each one who is a member of the Family. Someone once said, "When company stays too long, just treat them like members of the family and they'll soon leave." This may be true in our human family relationships but it shouldn't be true ~~is~~ within God's Family. In fact just the opposite should be true and that is, those outside of the Family of God should want to be within it and be treated as a member of the family. But in order for us to see this as God intended, let us look at what John has to say about this.

We begin this portion of Scripture with the advice of abiding in Christ, so that when He comes we will not be embarrassed or ashamed. (read vs 28). This is much like the preparation of children before certain ~~family~~ relatives or guests are to arrive. Remember? "Now you be sure to say please when you want something passed to you. Remember to say, 'Yes, Uncle Joe, and No Uncle Joe.'" Well John is preparing us ~~for~~ to be ready at all times for the arrival of Jesus Christ into our midst and if we are ready, we are not going to be a source of embarrassment to Him, or to ourselves.

But what is the first requirement which John points out? The answer is found in the 29th verse, (read). It is righteousness. Now righteousness is something that we cannot have of ourselves. It is something that we can have ~~only~~ ~~through~~ as a gift from God. It is not something we can earn, or merit, or even deserve. But it is given to us by God as a free gift. This righteousness is ours when we accept Christ as our Saviour. When we at one point in our lives say yes to Jesus that we accept Him into our hearts and lives, then we have ~~righteousness~~ are made righteous before God, not by our own lives or deeds, but by the very righteousness of Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate as Reformation



Sunday. The man who became the founder of the Reformation, Martin Luther, was one of the most devout priests of the Roman Catholic Church. But God revealed to him that it wasn't through all of his works and good deeds which he was constantly striving to perform to obtain righteousness. But instead, it was just as Paul had written to Romans, "The just shall live by faith." Then God impressed this upon him so that he was moved to strive to correct not only his life, but that of the entire church, he was at odds with the church. His real intent and purpose was not to cause a split in the church, but instead, to correct a problem and to bring the church and its people in closer communion with God and His Word.

John points out twice in the 19th verse something which should be common knowledge for each believer's life. He says, "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him." We should all know first of all that God is righteous, and ~~xxxx~~ because we know this, we also know that every one striving to live righteously is a member of that family. Born into ~~xxxx~~ it. The very next verse points out this birth into the family, (read ~~xx~~ 3:1). God's love is bestowed upon us so that we can be called the sons of God.

The world doesn't know this, and doesn't want to know it. But also the worldly within the church do not want to know it either. A portion of the Christian Church today wants to deny all of this and make it irrelevant for today. It just isn't the proper thing to do to preach about being born into the family of God. What we need to do my brothers and sisters as some preachers are advocating today, is to preach about the inhumanity to man being shown in the world today. We need to preach about injustice in our land, and political prisoners and all of these social causes. We need to be aware of them and no one would ever deny this. But first we need to preach Christ to people and get them into the family of God before they really ever get concerned about their fellowmen. Who here this morning really care to hear about the starving people of the world unless you really feel a need and a burden to share the same? Christ that is yours with them, and by this reach out with money to buy bread?

who is really concerned about a lonely sick neighbor except a person who is willing to love in the name of Christ because He first loved us? Why do we have a United Fund in our communities across our land? Because not everyone is a Christian and is willing to share what they have in the name of Christ. So we form community efforts to reach out and do what the church should have been doing all along. And so we see that the world doesn't understand the family of God, because as much as the world doesn't want to be a part of the family. There is a real reason why so many of the world do not want to be a part of the family of God, and I want to come back to this a little later.

John at this point is pointing out that we cannot know nor can we understand all of the many facets of what will take place with the second coming of Christ. Or perhaps we should say the Rapture of the Church which is to take place before the second coming of Christ. All he is willing to say is that we shall be like Him, and we shall see Him as He is, and this should be good enough for everyone who really is a member of the family. This is something which all believers should look forward to eagerly, because at the Rapture of the Church, all believers will be removed out of this world and it will be a time of going to be with our Saviour. It will be a time of the enjoyment of eternity with the Lord in which there will be no more pain or sorrow, no suffering, no illness, nor anything that we have which <sup>causes</sup> ~~makes~~ this life to be one of anguish and turmoil so often.

But John snaps us back to reality with the next verse. He writes, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." This brings us back to the realities of this life. This is to keep us from walking around with our heads in the clouds looking for that so often mentioned, "He in the sky, by and by." We need to have our feet firmly planted on the ground and realize that it is here on this earth where we must live and labor for now. This should sober us up to the fact that we are required to live in a certain way. We know that Jesus Christ is pure. He is the purest of the pure, and we are to purify ourselves to be like Him.

(Illustration of Indian fable)

How about ourselves? Can we see ourselves as perhaps crows of the world, trying to fit in with the doves of the Christian family? Are we sons of Satan instead of being sons of God?

Does our talk reflect that we are in conversation with God and Christ? Or does it sound like the same gutter garbage of the world? Are we gossiping about others to our friends, or are we talking to our ~~fix~~ friend Jesus about the needs of these people?

Does our walk appear different from those around us, or are we still in the habit of visiting those haunts we should have long abandoned when we came to Christ?

Are our actions those of one who loves Jesus Christ, or are we still ~~then~~ looking out for number one at the expense of others?

This is what John is putting forth for us to consider. He says, "Everyman who hath this hope in him," meaning the hope of being just like Jesus; that man, knoweth himself, even as Jesus Christ is gone." Are we either measuring up to this standard, or begin today to seek so to do.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 5, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Beth Feder and Jeff Knauer - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Prelude and Fugue in E minor" Bach  
\*Processional Hymn No. 21 "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O God, you have taught us to keep all your heavenly commandments by loving you and our neighbors; grant us the spirit of peace and grace, that we may be both devoted to you with our whole heart and untied to each other with a pure will. Forgive us we ask in Christ's name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory: "Adagio" Corelli  
Anthem: "Father of Heaven" Willan  
Sung by the Chancel Choir and Karen Maloney  
Scripture: I John 3:4-9  
Sermon: "Family Proverbs: 9 - One Rotten Apple May Spoil the Bushel"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Processional Hymn No. 368 "O holy war those servants wage"  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude "Joyful, Joyful" Beethoven  
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\*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. John Czzowitz in memory of Stanley Czzowitz, Sr.  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Allen Botacchi, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer, Charles Penar.  
Deacon and Mrs. Roy Andrews will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cheryl Altemus and Lori Shearer.  
Mrs. George Seigfreid (Ruth) was received into our Fellowship by Letter of Transfer from St. John's United Church of Christ in March of 1978. We are happy to have Mrs. Seigfried. Name was unfortunately missed from the October membership.  
Mon. - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle meeting  
Tues. - 7:00 - Bible Study in Undercroft  
Wed. - 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Boys BASKetball sign-up sheet in office - sign now.  
Mr. Harvey Campbell would like to thank the Congregation for his cards, flowers, prayers and especially Rev. Link's visits and prayers. He will be back with us as soon as he is able.  
Nov. 16 - 6:30 P.M. - Butler Area Laymen's Dinner at St. John's - Evans City. Tickets can be purchased from J. W. Harmon or Chuck Penar. (Thurs. - Nov. 16)  
Mary Lou Davis and Norma Knauer will be visiting the Hospital this week.  
The Blue Ridge Quartet will be here Dec. 11. Make plans now to be here at the Church to hear them - they are really good.  
Please be seated after the last Hymn. The Congregational meeting to elect Elders and Deacons, The new revision to the constitution, and the Budget for 1979. Next Sunday is Christian Enlistment Sunday - Please meet at the front of the Church then.  
Flowers are needed for the Altar for December 10th and 31st. Let Bea know if you would like to have either of these two Sundays.  
The Youth Fellowship - Tonight - 6-8. They will be collecting on the South Side for Hemophilia this coming week - Nov. 5 - 12th.



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 (the rotten apple may spoil the bush)  
 text 1 scrip: 1 John 3:4-9

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"One Rotten Apple May Spoil the Barrel"  
Daily proverb: 9 - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

1 John 3:4-9

In today's portion of scripture, John is pointing out one specific thing and one only. He has talked about this before and he continues to speak of it throughout all of this letter. That thing is sin. John's reason for this was first of all because of the outside influences which were placing doubts in the hearts and lives of believers. He spoke of one several weeks ago and this was the group known as Gnostics. These people believed that the body and soul were separate <sup>since</sup> it didn't matter what you did with the body because it didn't affect the soul. Therefore, they could be as immoral or filthy as they chose, and there was no such thing as sin against the body. So it is that John goes into a little detail at this point to speak about sin.

The first thing John points out is what SIN is and we see this in verse 4, (read). Sin is a transgression of the law. What was the law? Jesus gave it in two parts: Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Anyone who really loves God is going to desire to do what God wants him to. This in turn will lead him to show love toward his neighbor, because to do otherwise is to not love God. Thus, sin is creating fellowship with God. But John points out in vers 5, (read), that Jesus was shown by God to take away our sin and to cleanse us, but also to show us how to live even as He did. Jesus was and is always our example.

Then John shows us ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ why SIN is. We find this in the 6th verse, (read). There is SIN because we do not abide in Him, meaning Jesus Christ. If we take this life seriously enough we are going to strive to be like Jesus. That is the entire reason for His exemplary life, to give us the pattern by which we should live our lives.

John is also pointing out that we can see and gauge whether we are living as Jesus lived in the next verse, (read verse 7). In the book of Numbers chapter 31, verse 13 we are told, "The Lord said He will find you out." which should indicate to us that we cannot sin and get away with it. This has been proven time again by the discovery of a ~~murder~~ crime which the perpetrator of all his

best to hide.

(Illustration of humorous criminal stories)

There are just a few of the examples which we could point ~~xx~~ to.

But John also informs us where SIN comes from. We see this in verse 7, (read). It comes from the devil. We live in a world today that wants to believe that it is too sophisticated to believe in such a being. But if we remain true to the study of Scripture we not only know that he exists, but when we acknowledge this we are in a position to ward him off just as Jesus was. An old Salvation Army hymn says, "The Devil and me, we don't agree; I hate him; and he hates me!"

What John is saying in this verse is that "He who practices sin, is of the devil!" And in this light then it helps us to explain a misconception which arises with the reading of the 1st verse. (Read verse 1). As we first look at this verse it would appear that John is saying that those born within the Family of God do not commit sin. This is not so. What he is saying is that those who are born into the Family of God do not "practice" sin. They strive to avoid it. It is not a common practice or course of his life. Instead, he is striving to live righteously. He will still commit sins, but he does not willingly strive to do so.

(Illustration business man, blacks, and picture of man)

This is exactly what John is saying in this Scripture. The pattern for our lives is Jesus Christ, and when we begin to live righteously, the picture begins to take shape and others will see Jesus Christ pictured in our lives.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Christian Enlistment Sunday November 12, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Sharon Pfabe and David Knauer - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Psalm 19" Marcello  
\*Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Our Father, we seek your help.  
We are powerless without you. We thank you for home and  
family, but we know that even in this realm we are not  
quite what we should be. We are cross at times and we  
treat others of our families badly. We know that we  
should be loving, but too often we are hateful. Our  
list could go on and on, but you know what we are and  
what we have done. So we earnestly pray that you will  
forgive us, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Solo: "The Voice in the Wilderness" Scott Von  
Pastor: The Lord be with you. Maloney  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory: "The Faithful Shepherd  
Anthem: "Go Not Far" Chancel Choir Zingarelli  
Scripture: I John 3:10-24  
Sermon: "Family Proverbs:  
10 - Make The Taste Test"  
Prayer and

Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 440 "God of our fathers"  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"  
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\*Congregation Standing -----  
The lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Guy Wiles in memory of her "Husband" Guy E. Wiles.  
Serving as Ushers today are: \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Steve AVargo and Gottlob Kradel.  
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation  
and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Barb Andrews  
and Kelly Shakely.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship  
Two members from the Congregation have express a desire  
to be an Elder, - Mrs. Mildred Diefenderfer and  
Mrs. Beatrice Tait. They will be voted on on Nov. 26  
after the morning service. Nominations may also be  
given from the floor with that persons permission.  
Wed. - 7:00 - Chancel Choir  
Wed. - 7:00 - Golden Circle will be having their craft  
night.  
Thurs. - 10:30 - Mary Martha Circle. Bring a sack  
lunch. Dessert and Drink will be furnished. Also  
bring scissors and glue.  
Hospitalized - Mr. Wilmer Pfabe  
Next Sunday - Thankoffering Sunday - Please use the  
blue envelopes in your offering boxes. Envelopes were  
mailed to you because I forgot the blue ones were in  
your boxes. If you do use the ones sent in the mail  
please put your name of it. The money will be sent to  
the American Indians.  
Dick Mangel and Steve Vargo will be visiting the hospital  
this week.  
All Under Shepherds will meet in the front of the Church  
after the Service to get their material. PLEASE CARRY 1K  
Please get your commitment cards back as quickly as POSSIBLE.  
The attendance on Oct. 29 was 182; last Sunday 192.  
Monday - 13 - 7:00 - Board of Christian Education  
Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lois Wogan, family and  
friends in the passing of Mr. Earl Wogan.



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Serial: 1 John 3-10-24

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He: That shows how much you know about it. (The cook looks at us its delicious)

Now, this we can see that it is evident the "Kata Tert" was <sup>part of</sup> by the bus-  
band and showed different results than the coolback told of. This is ~~xxxxxx~~  
what John is speaking about in our scripture for today. John is setting forth  
the fact that there should be visible proof in the life of the believer. In  
order to show this in its proper order I would like to reverse the ordinary  
sequence in which it is written. I want to do this because I believe that God's  
plan supercedes that of man and therefore we should look at what God has done  
before we consider what man should and must do.

Now just suppose that you were going to make a cake or a pie this morning. The first thing you would do would be to get out your handy-dandy trusty Betty Crocker cookbook and look in the index for different kinds of cakes and pies. You select the one you wish to make and turn to the proper page and the first thing you will encounter is a list of the ingredients. This particular pie or cake has been tested through trial and error. Therefore, it is safe to put it together as given and the results should give proof of this. This is what John is saying not only about the life of the believer, but about what God had done and will do for that person.

He tells us in verses 22 and 23 that God's proof of His love is first of all revealed in Jesus Christ in whose footsteps we are to follow. But it also given in the evidence of the Holy Spirit working in our lives if we are striving to live and act as God intends. The proof of the believers relationship in God's family is the manner in which His life is lived.

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If we have the recipe before us and we know just exactly what we should do to have it come out right, but we decide that there are some things we are going to do "the way," we would ~~also~~ <sup>new</sup> find the proof that this is wrong. Perhaps we would be like the ~~father~~ <sup>new husband</sup> who said to his wife after making ~~having~~ a bite of the cake.

"That's wrong with this cake here, it tastes bad as hell. -- well, the recipe called for 3 eggs and I guess I didn't get them ground up fine enough."

The recipe must be followed exactly or it won't turn out right. We cannot bake it longer at a lower temperature, or shorter at a higher temperature, or take shortcuts and expect the right results. This is what John is saying in the 10th to the 15th verses. Here is the message of love among ~~the brethren~~ the brethren. The examples of Cain and Abel are given and also the example of God. The real proof of that love is whether we would be willing to die for someone else. This doesn't mean that this is what we must do, but it shows us that if we truly love as God wants us to love, we would be willing to sacrifice this life if need be on behalf of another. But again this is following the recipe which God has forth in the life and person of Jesus Christ.

But the final proof in all of this is the taste.

(Illustration of how like standing in a woman's house)

The taste would be changed noticeably if one of the ingredients were omitted. If we left out sugar, it would be sour and tart. If something else was omitted it would effect the taste in another way. Or if we were to skip on some of the ingredients it would taste yet another way. This is what John is pointing out in this third portion of this Scripture, verse 17-21.

The golden text from this portion of Scripture is the 15th verse. Here the actual test takes place. Now people profess to be Christians but the way they live give the lie to this. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." John is saying here that if you call yourself one of his children, then your lives are going to reflect that all of the ingredients are in place and you have come forth from God's oven as a product that can stand the "Taste Test."

I believe that all of us knew people about whom it is said, "He is really a nice guy -- but." Or, "He is sure a nice person -- but." The "but" in that particular phrase tells us that something is missing in that life, or that life is



not being lived as it should. In other words, that person is not a complete Christian. The ingredients that God wants us to have in our lives aren't that many, but we cannot live up to them.

First, God wants us to know the Lord Jesus Christ. This means He should be our own personal saviour. The one who suffered and died for me personally, and then I can begin to take this sacrifice seriously in my life.

Second, God wants us to begin living in the right way. This means we begin to read His Word. We meditate upon it, and to direct it in a way in which His Holy Spirit can work and be active in our lives. It means that we begin to converse with God ~~xxxx~~ through prayer, and talk to Him as we would an old friend.

But then thirdly, this means we become active in His Church. It is here that we join with others who are taking this Christian walk seriously. But it also means that this walk becomes a true reflection of all that God wants from us. It is through the Church that we show our gratitude for what He has done for us by giving to Him that which is richly His. This means we use not only some of ~~xxxxxxx~~ our time to do His work, but that we use whatever abilities He has given us as well. But along with this we use whatever He has blessed us with in the monetary realm too.

Too many people are willing to give some of their time, to share some of their talents, but are unwilling to give Him of the money He has blessed them with. It must be all 3, and cannot be just one or two. You cannot continue to cheat and steal from God and expect to get away with it. It is going to cost you in one way or another and each of us must make the choice of what direction this is going to go. This means that we need to get our priorities straight and begin to live by them. It means that hunting and fishing, and camping, and parties, and clubs, and all other things begin to take second place to the things of God. It means that we get to work in the choir, in the Sunday School, in the kitchen, in the nursery, or wherever we have talents that we can use for God. It means that we begin to ~~xx~~ increase our giving until we have reached the required 10% which God demands from each of us. No otherwise in any of these categories is



to cheat and rob God of what is rightfully His. I read a quote recently which I would like to share with you and which each of needs to take seriously.

Dr. Jay Adams says in his book, "Competent to Counsel," this remark, "God will discipline all of His children, either through the discipline of providential circumstances, like the pressure of persecution or sickness." This means simply interpreted in the language of a layman, "If you choose to cheat God out of the time, or abilities, or money that you should be giving to Him, then you will pay it out in loss of work, property, love of children, doctor bills and so on." This isn't the threat of me or any other minister. It is God speaking to us through His Word and is His recipe for our lives.

(Illustration of D. A. Ford, and demands on his time and money)

There may well come a time when we may well look back and say I wish I would have done otherwise. But this need not be the end result for us. Today is stretching before us, tomorrow beckons bright and shiny in which we have the opportunity to correct the mistakes of the past and get right with God. Let us be quick to "Take the Words Test," and see if we are following God's recipe for our lives.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost November 26, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Sharon Pfabe and David Knauer - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord thee Almighty" P. Manz  
\*Processional Hymn No. 9 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "O Father, giver of such bounty  
as we see each harvest time, we know we are not worthy  
to gather the crumbs from under your table; yet, out of  
your great love and mercy, you have not only bestowed  
this material abundance, but beyond all our deserving  
have given us a Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to  
believe, and believing to accept; and accepting, help  
us to act. Your will, not ours be done. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Solo: "You'll Never Walk Alone" Rogers - Hammerstein  
Sung by Howdy Bolam  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "Hyfrydol" Paul Manz  
Anthem: "Thanks Be to Thee" Handel  
Scripture: 1 John 4:1-6  
Sermon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 11 - One or the Other"  
"yer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 12 "For the beauty of the earth"

\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude: "Prayer of Thanksgiving" Kremser  
----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Ann Williams in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Richard Mangel, Don  
Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar  
Deacon and Mrs. Richard Mangel will greet the  
Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Karen Vensel  
and Dodie Kradel.  
The attendance last Sunday was 188  
➤ Hospitalized - David Steffler, Jr.  
➤ Today - 3:00 - Advent wreath making and good fellowship.  
Homemade soup for supper.  
➤ There will be a short meeting after the Service for  
the purpose of electing an Elder.  
Monday - 7:00 - Teachers Meeting - Important  
Year-round boxes are available in the Narthex for those  
of you who would like to keep your thankoffering this  
way. Additional ones are in the office if you would  
like to have them. Report on the money next week -  
that was taken in for the Indians.  
There was \$3.00 in someones Program of Progress envelope  
last week with no name on it - please let Lois Wogan  
know if it was yours.  
Bill Thompson will be visiting at the hospital this  
week.  
Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship Meeting  
Under Shepherds please get your material back as soon  
as possible so it can be checked off. This is very  
important in the work of our church.  
The Poinsetta's will be \$5.00 this year. Please fill  
out the form being passed this morning so that we can  
be sure of getting our Poinsetta's.  
➤ Tuesday - 7:00 - Bible Study - Everyone is welcome.  
There will be a Jr. Basketball sheet, to sign-up in/  
in the Office if you are interested.  
➤ The Blue Ridge Quartet will be here December 11th,  
at 7:30 P.M. This is a very good Quartet - don't  
miss them.

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Friday November: 11 - The 12 The Other

Scripture and Text: 1 John 4:1-5

During the depression, because of the complete shutdown of so many things, one of the few those entertainments for almost everyone to enjoy was the radio. Because of the large listening audiences tuned into this media, song writing was perhaps more prolific at that time than at any other. People were humming and singing songs of all kinds and it helped to ease the burden of joblessness, lack of money, and the hardship of the time. Sometime between 1931 and 1939 a song came out which told of a fellow calling across a place where an echo was created. The fellow invited the other fellow, (the echo), over to play. The concluding words of that song were, "You're a nice little fellow I can tell by your voice, but ~~xxxxxx~~ you're always so far away." How many of you can remember it? I see there are none of you as old as me.

The "nice little fellow" which could be recognized by the voice, was the naturally the ~~xxx~~ individual calling across the valley or canyon. This is what John is giving us in this scripture for today. He points out to us that there are different voices to be heard among us. First there is our own voice. This inner voice which we all possess tells us to do many things. But if we are left to do the thing which it tells us, we are going to be very self boss. The reason of course is that our inner voice tells us to do those things which please and further our own desires and wishes. Our inner voices direct us to pursue our own pleasure and neglect the needs and wants of others. It is strictly a selfish voice. Then John points out that there is the voice of the world. This voice also directs us to do those things which are easy and demand nothing from us except our own enjoyment and pleasure. And lastly, John points out that there is the voice of God. This voice calls us, and demands from us a commitment which is contrary to ~~xxxxxx~~ the ~~xxxxxx~~ voices of ourselves and the world.

John begins this discourse by giving a warning, verse 1, (read). Then he begins to show what the real test consists of, verse 2a, (read). The test is: verse 2b, (read). Now how would you determine this for yourself? There is only one way and that is through God's word. Paul tells us in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."



Paul is pointing out that the hearing of the word is very important. But this hearing must be tested by the actual word of God. This is why it is imperative that everyone who is serious about being a Christian and who wants to be within that family, devote some time each day to the reading of God's word. He cannot grow in the faith unless he systematically get something into our lives from God's word.

Now more importantly, how can you detect what is right and what is wrong? The only criteria we have is what God tells us through the pages of His Book, the Bible.

John says to try the spirits. By this he means to inquire of those who present different doctrines, just what that doctrine says and believes. If that doctrine can stand forth and declare that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, it is of God. If not, it is of another spirit.

John also tells us to be diligent through the power, truth and fidelity of the Holy Spirit of a group of people who were led astray by a false doctrine, and false spirit. But those people questioned from the beginning, whether what they were being led to believe was of God or of man, many of them perhaps would still be alive. But you see, it is always so alluring and enticing, to have not only nice comfortable messages and music, but it also tempting and alluring to be promised material comforts and pleasures, which I am sure was a part of their doctrine. There are those who have been unhappy with some of the things they have heard here on Sunday morning. But what you have heard and will continue to hear is that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh, and that He was born of a virgin, that He came as the Saviour of the world, that He died as the sacrifice for you and me personally, that He arose bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven and will be with you here on earth. ~~XX~~  
~~XX~~ We will continue to preach that salvation is through the personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and salvation is through faith and not works. Now if this is contrary to what you may believe then I suggest that perhaps you may be in the wrong congregation. The task of the

preacher is twofold as I see it. First, it is to comfort the afflicted. Second, it is to afflict the comfortable. Whatever category you may be in, I shall endeavor to comfort and afflict.

Are the spirits, are they of God, or are they of Satan? We need to begin to take our stand in the world in which we live. There are many people who come to me and tell me how nice a witness the young Mormon men make when they pound on your door or ring your doorbell. But the real test of where they stand is to ask them what they believe about Jesus Christ. If they cannot say that Jesus is God's only Son who died for our sins, then they are of Satan. Do this with the Jehovah's Witnesses and see what happens. I ~~have~~ have a niece who was indoctrinated into the Jehovah's Witnesses. She came back from Oregon with the express purpose of converting me to their faith. She was unable to do so, and because of her frustration within that organization she had an emotional collapse. As she tried to get out of that organization she was brainwashed repeatedly because they knew when she found out the truth she could no longer be one of them. Would you say this was of God? Any organization that says you must believe a set of rules or doctrines made by men cannot be of God.

John 14:19 points out this very thing in the next verse, (verse 3, read).

There are numerous Anti-Christ's in the world today just as there have been ever since Jesus Christ ~~xx~~ ascended into heaven following his resurrection. But the one thing we can and should take comfort in is what John tells us concerning the anti-Christ's of the world as found in verse 4, (read). ~~John~~ He is saying that Jesus Christ has overcome Satan and his forces by conquering the power of sin and death. Therefore, when Jesus Christ lives and resides in our hearts and lives we have power ~~xxxxxxxx~~ much stronger and mightier than all the forces of evil in the world.

Those who are of the world, speak and act like the world, and the worldly people allow them and their voices, as John says in verse 5. But we need to understand that we must choose between the world and God. It must be one or the other. It cannot be both. John tells us in the last verse of our scripture

that those who are of God hear us and know us, but those who are of the world do not hear and know us because they are not of God. Paul points this out more distinctly in his letter to the Corinthians in the 1st chapter and the 14th verse, (read). Here is where we can understand more fully what the spirit of God is as compared to the spirit of Satan. God's Holy Spirit comes to reside in our hearts and lives when we accept Christ as ouraviour. He is there to indwell us and to move and motivate us in every way. If we then know that we are different from the world and we can then begin to understand the spiritual things. But those who will laugh and put down the acceptance of Christ as being an emotional thing or something that is mystical, cannot understand the peace and joy and comfort which can be had from this. Therefore, as John says, "Those who are in the family of God know the spirit of truth, as well as the spirit of error. (1st John 4:13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
First Sunday in Advent December 3, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard and Tim Fry - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude "Watchman, Tell us of the Night" -  
by Hovhanness Lloyd Link - Tenor  
Processional Hymn No. 89 "Come, Thou long expected Jesus:  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Call to Worship - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Pg. 88  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "Our Heavenly Father, our spirits  
turn at this season not only to the coming of thy Son  
into history in the form of a babe, but also to thy coming  
in thy spirit. We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy spirit  
upon all who walk in darkness. Grant thy power to the weak;  
thy love to those who hate; and thy peace to those who  
know only the ugliness of strife, struggle, and turmoil.  
If it be thy will, make us instruments of thy power and  
love and peace for those who know thee not. Hear us as  
we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen"  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise  
\*Doxology  
Lighting of The Advent Wreath  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "Baroque Suite" Van Spee  
Anthem "Seek Ye the Lord" Roberts  
Nancy Link and the Chancel Choir  
Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21  
Sermon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 12 - LOVE YOUR BROTHER"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Recessional Hymn 95 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"  
\*Prediction and Response - "Rejoice, Rejoice" Pg 88  
\*Postlude "Improvisation"

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Jalliet in memory of "Loved Ones"  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Allen Botacchi, Dan Bosko,  
Robert Knauer and Charles Penar.

Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation  
and Visitors at the door this morning.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Sandy Sheppeck,  
Marci Sheppeck and Dodi Kradel.

Tonight - 6-8- Youth Fellowship

Monday - 6:00 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Christmas  
Tureen Dinner. Meat and Dessert will be furnished.

Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting

Wed. - 6:30 - Chancel Choir

Wed. - 8:00 - Youth Choir

Thurs. the Newsletter will be published - please have  
all material in by Wednesday.

The Family Christmas Program will be Dec. 17th at  
7:00 P.M. (Sponsored by Board of Christian Education)

Holy Communion will be on Dec. 17 - (Pew)

Holy Communion - Christmas Eve - 11:00 P.M.

The Blue Ridge Quartet will be here on December 11 -

Monday Evening at 7:30 P.M. You won't want to miss  
them - they are really good.

I still need a lot of packets back from the Under  
Shepherds - please get them back so the list can be  
made up for the year book.

Bob Dellen and Harry Fry will be visiting the hospital  
this week.

Every Tuesday - 7:00 - Bible Study

The Flower chart for Poinsetta's was passed around  
last week - If you would like to have a poinsetta  
for the Chancel please sign up in the office.

Jr. Basketball sign-up sheet in the office for those  
interested.

We took in a total of \$393.83 for the Family Thank-  
offering to be given to the American Indians.

We took in \$70. for Rev. Cooper's retirement, and there  
was \$70. received from the rest of the Butler Council  
of Churches - with a total of approximately \$140.

Hospitalized - Mrs. Sara Snow and Mrs. Florence  
MacKinney - ~~OUT~~

New Elders and New Deacons will be installed next  
Sunday.

ACC DINNER FRIDAY DEC. 8 6:30 P.M. - FOR LUCK



1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the properties of the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation

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"Reading Proverbs: 41 - Love Your Neighbor"

Copyright And Text: 1 John 4:7-11

As you may be striving to come up with the one theme which stands forth in all of the Bible which expresses God, what would it be? The answer is one that is so simple it defies description and yet it is so profound it cannot be understood completely. The one theme which expresses God in three little words. They are, "God is Love."

This entire letter of John's speaks of this over and over again. It begins the portion of John's message with the words, "The message that is the love of God, and that he desires us to love the things they involve this. If you cannot love, or do not know about love, you do not now cannot know God, 'for God is Love.'" Here is the simplest statement in the world. It needs no explanation. It says God is Love, period.

But John wants everyone to realize that when he is saying, or he goes into detail of the love of God. How was it made evident to us and the world? Verse 9 and again he tells us that God sent his Son. This is a deliberate act. It wasn't just an act out of concern. It meant that it was planned, it was deliberate, that it took place according to a master plan. John tells us in verse 10, that, "God sent his Son to die in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." While we were lost and dead in our sins, and did something on our behalf which changed all of that. Doesn't this show a love without description? a love unparalleled, or unequalled in all of the world? Now all of this is brought to a grand conclusion and summed up magnificently by John in the last 3 verses of this chapter. (John ver 12-14).

"He who loves his brother also." But let us reverse this order and speak first about loving our brother. If we were raised in the proper way, and if we are seeking to raise our children in the proper way we should have ~~known~~ ~~known~~ been taught or are teaching, to love our neighbors. This lesson doesn't come easy and is learned gradually because there are some brothers who are not exactly loving towards us. But how do we express this love in a way in

which it can be understood? We do it by sharing. Sharing what we have, sharing what we know and have learned. This is something we talk about in the church quite often. But too often members of the same congregation want to hold grudges and hold certain people, and not speak to others and a host of other things which show working but love. How many of us here this morning are perfect and without fault? How many of us are incapable of hurting someone's feelings by our wicked tongues or attitudes? How many of us can truthfully say we love everyone within our own household of faith?

As we take inventory like this we can see that there are some things which need to be done. We need to begin by asking God to forgive us for some of our insensitive and selfish attitudes toward some of our brothers. Then we need to begin to grow and mature with a word and a good morning, and mean it. Do you recall some years ago when the doctor told that someone in that house had what was believed to be something contagious? He put a sign on that house and it was called a quarantine. It was said that no one should be around it. Well, we have something in our lives as members of the family of God which is contagious, but which can bring good instead of bad to the lives of others. But do you know what we have done with it? We have placed the quarantine sign on our churches and we will not let anyone in to get it, nor will we let anyone carry it out. We can't and don't you dare destroy it by bringing out-side in to ruin it. This has been done unconsciously of course, for we would be the last to say that we practice a closed church. But what I am saying is that Christianity is contagious, and it should make us enthusiastic because the greatest thing in the world has happened to me. I have been granted salvation through Christ and I need to share it with others. Therefore, the message should be carried to our friends and neighbors and they should be invited here to hear and see for the first time in the last place in their lives. We must tell our friends, relatives, or strangers about the joy that is ours in Christ. We must have we personally invited or picked up and brought with us to share this joy! Now we, when we put it in this light, see Christianity is not to be withheld from anyone. We must begin to share it.

But if we want to share it! Because we love it and want to do what is  
its.

(Illustration of a Hindu and Buddhist Japanese girl and a young boy.)  
This is what makes our faith different from all others. It is built on love of  
and for all. Our faith should be for all people and especially those around us  
in our community.

(Illustration of women and men with pictures of a cross, and then a man.)  
The cross we carry should be marked with love for our brothers.

But John tells us this is all brought about because God first loved us. How did  
he do this? The answer this is difficult, because we cannot understand the plan  
of God. But to understand we may get it from the story which we can read in the  
story of the life of Jesus Christ to see us.

(Illustration of Jesus Christ, the man and the child in the story.)

This is what Advent and the Incarnation is all about. It means for us the joy  
of God visited us in a manner we can understand and relate to. But let us  
not only once a year celebrate this season and time of the year, but let us  
have it change and renew us. Let us come to a new understanding of what God  
has done for us and in turn let us share this with all and all we meet. Let us  
also fully love our neighbors by telling them of the love that God has for  
them too.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Second Sunday in Advent December 10, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Helen Hilliard and Tim Fry - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Noel" B'Aquin  
Processional Hymn No. 91 "Watchman, tell us of the night"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Call to Worship - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Pg. 88  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "Almighty and Eternal God, who  
didst create light and life, even as we come to you  
we must hide ourselves from thee in shame. Our thoughts,  
words, and deeds are dark shadows upon us. Like the  
men of old, we have strayed from thy ways, losing sight  
of thy light. Thou who came as light into our dark  
world, we have failed in times past to perceive thee.  
We ask therefore, that we may come to your light in true  
faith and repentance, through Jesus the Light. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise O Lord open our lips  
\*Doxology  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Installation of Elders and Deacons  
Offering- Offertory "Arioso" Bach  
Gary Erdos, violin  
Anthem "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach  
Chancel Choir, and Gary Erdos, violin  
Scripture: 1 John 5:1-5  
mon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 13 - THE WINNER GETS THE PRIZE"  
ayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 93 "Arise, the kingdom is at hand"

\*Benediction and Response - "Rejoice, Rejoice" Pg 88  
\*Postlude "Improvisation"

----- \*Congregation Standing -----  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Gloria Walker in memory of her "Father" -  
Lawson Hindman.

Serving as Ushers today are \*Wally Feder, John Snow,  
Steve Vargo and Gottlob Kradel.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Judy Vinroe  
and Pam Fry.

Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.

Tonight - 6-8 - Youth Fellowship

Monday night - 7:30 - Blue Ridge Quartet - here at our  
Church. Make plans to attend - they are really good.

Wed. - 6:00 - Golden Circle will hold a Christmas tureen  
dinner. Bring your husband or a friend and join in  
the fellowship. You will need a tureen and table  
service. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

The new Elders are: Allen Botacchi and Beatrice Tait.  
New Deacons are: George Eichhorn, Bruce McBride,

Harry Burns and William Ohl.

Art Carney and Rod Rensel will be visiting the  
hospital this week.

If you want a poinsetta - please leave Bea know now,  
the order has to be placed this week. They will be \$5.00.

The Flower Chart will be passed around today for the  
first half of the year. Should you want a special  
Sunday before the chart is put on the bulletin board,  
let me know in the office.

Jr. Basketball sign-up sheet in the office for those  
interested.

Tuesday - 7:00 - Bible Study

Please return your commitment card as quickly as  
possible.

There are still a few Under Shepherd packets still out  
please return them as quickly as possible.

Next Sunday is Holy Communion (Pew)

Next Sunday at 7:00 - Dec. 17 - The Family Christmas  
Program (Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education).  
Practice for the Family Church Program at 3:00 today  
in the Sanctuary.

DEB MERTON - CHANCEL ALTAR DIRTWAY 13TH  
FIVE DOLLAR - YETEROX

"Family Proverbs: 13- The Winner Gets The Prize"  
Scripture Text: 1 John 5:1-5

1st radio station 2 winners/losers=sports,politic etc  
1st of day cud 2 woman 1 doctor  
(1st woman cum 2 dr. 4 exam in artist studio)

This winners/losers in general  
(1st man surgery,drapes drawn,fire next door)  
Jn had way read 2thoz fam of Gno mattr wat hap this  
lif,relm lif 3yon grav ther assur=winner gets prize  
2 Basic thing Jn pt out this Scrip  
Vs 1=this shud elicit loud Thank & 4 His Luv  
but 2day worl this greet littl/no enthus & evn Apian  
Ch overlook & 4gotn & this Bcuz social Gosp insted

personal salv & joy shud arouse  
Jn pt entir lettr luv of & joy Blong Fam of G  
he continu 2sho 1 mus 3 born in2 it & this thru Js  
& Blief in Him & cum 2any1 who Bliev  
not by denon,or ch,but only by Blief  
Wat mean? Mristos in Gr mean=Anointed One  
Mt. 11:4-6-In Sam imprisn & send discip 20 if Js=1  
Thez Js word & he sho only Anoint 1 cud do, & this  
no suprnaturl & eithr accept or reject as Ap  
Sam did,sun din & same 2day & chaleng stil availbl  
Js say many say 'ord,lord,& mean nothing by it  
we hear my & Js Ap ever day & only curs,exclam  
Perd hadlyn 'Fair sed=By God, this sho any1 make  
Import 4any1 2kno he/she in Fam of G, & this Jn pt ou  
Jn pt out nex 2vs=thoz child in Fam sho 4th dail,lif  
no mean sin free,& need pt out4 ther thoz expec Jh  
neon 2 perf,but mean thoz in relatship Js Ap work  
at it & striv keep from hatred,jealos,anger,etc  
ed 2keep work at it

Vs 1=Faith in Js no again  
Vs 2=quest? answer lik vs 1,but hav distinc diff  
this dif=Divinty Js In & this import Bcuz this seper  
lianty from other religs  
ea lay claim 2proph,grt person,but lianty unique  
Explain Js birth,miracles,sacrific deth,resur etc  
Buddha,Allah,Mohamed can not make thaz claims  
This import 2us,4if say Js grt man,only lik Ap,etc  
say proph mak li Sam,Isa,Jere;but 2say & in flesh  
out category by self

Man want 2Bliev can chang worl by self,but Bliev this  
is 2Bliev Satan lies & hav no need Savior & if tru  
Js Ap came,suffr,die in vain,But I did provid=LOVE  
(1st us toward Rutledge 7yr prisoner Viet Cong)  
Js provid this 4 all mankind  
(Illus littl girl giv self,nex yr giv father)  
This cud mak this Vnas memrbl 4all if giv selves & luv  
1's 2 in prayr Js ope our herts,livs

DR. JOSEPH C. W. D.R. -- <sup>412</sup> GETS THE PRIZE

Monday November: 13 - XXXXXXXXXX the winner ~~XXXXXX~~ XXXX

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with a burst  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX in one of the public officials at a certain time the day  
the winner gives him what he calls the winner and loser of the day. The win-  
ner is someone who has done something out of the ordinary. It may be a sports  
figure, or a politician, or just anyone who happens to be in the news that day.  
The loser is usually someone who has usually had a string of unfortunate in-  
cidents and therefore seems to live out no matter what was tried. Perhaps the  
loser of the day would have to be the woman who went to the doctor's and opened  
the office door and said, "Dr. I want you to say frankly what is wrong with me."  
He looked at her from head to foot and said, "I've got three things to tell  
you. First, your weight needs to be reduced by at least 10 pounds.  
Second, you would look much better if you reduced the amount of eye and face  
makeup by 10%.  
Third, I'm an artist, the doctor has his office on the next floor."  
This is of course talking in terms of winners and losers in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XX~~  
~~XX~~  
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But think of the fellow who had surgery and as he was coming out of the anesthe-  
tic, he noticed that the room was dark and the doctor was there. He saw the  
doctor standing by his bed and said, "Dr. my eye the doctor found!" The doc-  
tor answered, "XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX there's a big spot on the corner and we  
didn't want you to think the operation was a failure."

There is a way of relating to things within the family of God that is better  
what happened in this life, in the realm of life beyond the grave there is to  
be had the assurance of the "winner ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ GETTING THE PRIZE."

There are two basic things he wants us in this particular portion of Scripture  
which are of importance to each of us. The first thing is found in the first  
verse is the statement, "Whoever in belief that Jesus is the Christ is born  
of God." This is a statement which is still true and will be true it  
is true, "What God for His love." But in today's world it is a statement that  
is treated with little or no enthusiasm. Even in the ~~XXXXXX~~ Christian Church  
it is overlooked and forgotten, if it is ever even thought of or used. The  
problem of course is that we ~~XXXX~~ have become  
have become interested in the social end of the Gos-  
pel; ~~XXXX~~ we have excluded the need of personal salvation and the joy it  
can and should bring.



John had gone through this entire letter pointing out the Father like the love of God and the joy of belonging to God's family. But he continues now to conclude his argument that in order to belong to that family one needs to be born into it. The main requirement is that anyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is then born into that family of God. He is not entering it by saying a certain expression or by making a certain statement or by doing a certain thing. It comes by knowing by believing that Jesus is the Christ.

Now what does that mean? The New Testament is Greek words, "The Word became flesh." In the fifth chapter of Matthew, John had been mentioned and he sent two of his disciples to where Jesus was with the question, (read 17:33).

The answer Jesus gave was, (read Mt. 17:4-5). These are the words from the very lips of Jesus. He was showing that the things he was doing and would do were things only the Son of God could do. He wasn't performing magic or some magical power, but he was doing supernatural things which only the Christ could do. Thus, it became for those people to accept him as the Christ or reject him. Some accepted, but many were rejected him. This is the same challenge that is now before any and all who come to the church today. We either accept or reject him. Now do not make the mistake of believing that all who are members of the Christian Church are those that have a true experience, because unfortunately many are not. Jesus said that many who would stand before him and say, "Lord, Lord," but never meant anything by it. You and I hear many people on any given day of the week saying, "Oh my God," or "Jesus Christ," and mean absolutely nothing by it except a curse or exclamation for expression. I am told that just recently Marilyn Monroe said on a local talk show made the exclamation, "My God." This should show us that even those who profess to be atheists can make the exclamation and it means nothing. The important thing for anyone to know is that he or she is within that family by the profession that Jesus is the Christ, but that he is the personal Savior of that person who makes that ex claim. This is the very positive statement that John is making in this story verse.



Then John goes on to point out in the next two verses that Those who are the children of God, those who are in reality within the family of God, show this forth in their daily lives. It doesn't mean they are sinless, and we need to point this out again and again, for there are those who expect everyone who attends church on Sunday to be perfect. But it does mean that those who are truly professing that special relationship with Jesus Christ, are working at it by striving to keep from hatred, jealousy, anger, gossip and all of the things which keep us from the perfect relationship we should be striving for. It doesn't mean that we will attain this relationship in this life, for we won't, but it nevertheless, we need to keep working at it.

John closes this particular portion of Scripture with a question. The question is, "Who is he that overcometh the world?" And he answers the question within that very question with the words, "But he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." For although this may sound like a reiteration of the first verse, it isn't. This points Jesus out to be something entirely different than the first "predicted one" referred to in the first verse. Here John is once again setting forth the divinity of Jesus Christ. This is important because this is something which separates Christianity from any other religion. That religious man is made no better a great prophet or saintly person or the leader. But only Christianity has as the Lord, a human who came in a unique way; who lived an extraordinary life; who performed extraordinary and supernatural deeds; who died a sacrificial death; and who rose from the dead. Moses, Elijah, Elisha and all the rest cannot make this claim.

That is why it is so important for us to know this, and to believe it as we and every Christian should. To understand that Jesus was a unique man is to put Him on the same plane with Abraham, or Isaac, or Alexander and others. To say that He was only a prophet is to put Him in the same class with Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and others. But to say that He was all of this and God in the flesh is to put Him in a category by Himself. The history of man shows that he wants to blot out the realities of life such as evil, sin, hatred,



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director  
Brian Hollefreund, Lori Zavacky - Acolytes

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude Music "Familiar Carols"  
\*Professional Hymn No. 112 "O come All Ye Faithful" with  
descant by Choir D. Willcocks  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Call to Worship - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Page 88  
\*Exhortation - Page 32  
\*Confession - Page 32  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
Lighting of Advent Wreath  
Scripture Jer. 23:3-5; Ezek 34:11-16,23  
"My Sheep Were Grazing" Jungst Sung by Rob Sybert  
and the Chancel Choir and Quartet -  
Cyndie and Rob Sybert - Dutch and Howdy Bolam  
"Lullabye of The Shepherds" Wetzler  
Announcements  
Offering  
Offertory "In Bethlehem's Low Stable" Walcha  
Scripture Luke 2:8-18  
"Caroling, Caroling" Burt  
"A Noel Medley" Hartley - Karen Maloney and Chancel  
Choir  
"O Holy Night" Adam - Cyndie Sybert and Chancel Choir  
The Call to Communion - Page 33  
\*Eucharistic Prayer - Institution - Agnus Dei  
Distribution of Bread - "Birthday of A King" Neidlinger  
Solo - Lloyd Link  
Distribution of the Cup - "I Wonder As I Wander" Niles  
Solo - Howdy Bolam  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
\*Doxology  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 120 "Joy To the World"  
\*Benediction and Response "Rejoice, Rejoice" - Pg.88  
\*Attitude "Improvisation"

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
The Harry Davis Family in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George  
L. Davis.

The Elders and Deacons will serve Communion as well  
as Usher today.

Please sign Communion cards - if you want them to be  
sent to your own church - put name of church or Pastor on it.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cindy McWilliams,  
Lynn Bosko and Debora Johnston.

Mr. & Mrs. Coyle Fowler will greet the Congregation  
at the door this morning.

Tonight - 7:00 - Family Christmas Program - Sponsored  
by the Board of Christian Education. Ladies don't  
forget to bring the cookies you signed up for.

> Mrs. John Barnhart will be 93 on Tuesday - don't forget  
to send her a card - Evergreen Convalescent Home,  
Box 177 Harmony, Pa. 16037. She is very lonesome -  
don't forget her.

Thurs. - 11:00 - Mary Martha Circle Christmas Party -  
meet at Dru Rensels.

No Bible Study until January 9th.

> Holy Communion - Christmas Carols - Candle-light  
Service - 11:00 - December 24th - Christmas Eve.

Holy Communion in the Pew.

> Epiphany Sunday Service - 7:00 P.M. - Jan. 7th - Carols,  
Fellowship and a Surprise.

The collection for the Blue Ridge Quartet was \$287.85.

They also received quite a bit of money from the  
sale of records. We had a nice crowd, and we may  
have them again in the future, in our new building.  
All monies for the year have to be in no later than  
December 31st. Anything after that time will be  
credited to 1979.

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The most beloved of all Christmas carols, "Silent  
Night! Holy Night!" hails the birth of Jesus Christ  
as that of the Son of God, from whose holy face radiantly  
beams the light of love divine. Truly, God so loved  
the world that He gave His only Son.

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The money the Youth made from the Movie Night will  
go towards the Building Fund - \$45.00.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist  
Brian Hollefreund, Lori Zavacky - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude "Nazareth" Gounod  
Processional Hymn No. 102 "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Call to Worship - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Page 88  
\*Confession - (In Unison) "O Lord, it is with humility and meekness that we bow before you this day. We are made aware of our inability to live in complete love together. We know that our actions are often contrary to your will, and that we sin in word, and thought and deed. Help us to not only know our sin, but to turn from it. Let us live in that light you gave to us, and use His life as the measure for ours. In His name we pray. Amen."  
\*Kyrle  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips  
\*Cong.: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology "Christmas Candle" Warren Nancy Link  
Solo: "Lighting of The Advent Wreath  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you  
People: And with thy spirit  
Pastor: Let us Pray  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "The Golden Carol" Wilson  
Anthem: "Song of Mary" Crouch  
Sung by Nancy and Lloyd Link, Karen and Don Kennedy  
Scripture: 1 John 5:6-12  
Armon: "FAMILY PROVERBS: 14 - LOOK AT THE RECORD"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
\*Recessional Hymn No. 107 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
\*Benediction and Response - "Rejoice, Rejoice" Pg 88  
\*Postlude: "The First Noel" Moffatt  
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\*Congregation Standing - -----  
Serving as Ushers today are \*Richard Mangel, Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.  
The Poinsetta's may be taken if you are not going to be here this evening for the Christmas Eve Service.  
We would appreciate them being left if you intend to be here this evening. *THEY LEAVE TO SERVICE*  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Virginia Mangel, Ellen Master and Dodi Kradel.  
Mrs. George Selgfried (Ruth) is now in Sunnyview Home. Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will be at the door this morning to welcome the Congregation and Visitors.  
Tonight - Holy Communion - Christmas Carols - Candlelight Service -- 11:00 P.M. - Holy Communion in the Pews.  
Jan. 7 Sunday Evening - 7:00 - Epiphany Sunday Service - Carols - Fellowship and a Surprise.  
Mike Nazarek and Howard Bolam will be visiting the Hospital this week.  
Our sincere Sympathy to Miss Florence Shakely in the loss of her Sister - Clara Shakely.  
All monies taken in for 1978 after December 31st, will be credited to 1979 records.  
Please do not use your new envelopes until 1979.  
Not even the initial offering ones - they will have to be held over until the first Sunday of January.  
Everyone will have a different number and it is very confusing to be posting to different numbers for every one.  
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Christmas proclaims in words and in the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, that God "desires all men (all people) to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." To this end God sent His own Son, "the man Christ Jesus," to be the Ransom, the one Mediator between God and mankind. Today we come with joyful hearts to worship this Mediator in a manger.



"Family Proverbs: 14 - Look at the record"

Scripture and text: 1 John 5:6-12

The English philosopher Robert Burton wrote, "One religion is as true as another." This may be true of religion and in order to discern whether this is right or wrong we need to look at the record. Well if we look at the record ~~xx~~ and just lump all religions together we can see that for the most part there is little to prove that religion as such has had a great impact upon the world.

But when we begin to compare religions, it is then that we can see a vast difference. Many of the Western religions for instance are what is called, "self-contemplative" religions. This means that the followers of them spend their time in meditation and self-evaluation. This means that they separate themselves from the reality of the world and for the most part this does nothing to improve the lot of those around them who have needs.

But when we begin to compare Christianity with these religions we see a vast difference, for it is from Christianity that many of the great humanitarian movements have been launched. But one mistake which is so often made is to simply say that Christianity is merely a religion. This is not completely true for Christianity is more than a religion. Christianity is a way of life. It is more than a set of prescribed rules and regulations. It is a lifestyle if you will, which becomes, or should become what rule and guides the very individuals daily actions in all areas of life.

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This is what John was striving to impart throughout all of this wonderful letter which he wrote to those within the Christian Church. His main emphasis was to show that Jesus Christ was the anointed one sent from God so that people would not only believe, but would live accordingly. In our last message we spoke of his emphasis upon the divinity of Jesus Christ. In today's message John speaks of this Divinity again in a slightly different way, but he also speaks of why Jesus lived the life he did.

John states in the 6th verse that Jesus came by water and by blood. This points out that He began His ministry by being baptized, and He ended it by

being killed. It was the beginning of his ministry and the end. Each had a different symbol to show. But he also points out that the Spirit, which is the Holy Spirit bears witness to this, because the spirit is truth. John is reiterating what he had said in his gospel about Jesus. But he is also repeating for emphasis the words of Jesus himself who said that after he was gone he would send another comforter to them, "even the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but we know him; for he dwelleth in you and shall be with you." This is the promise of the visitation of the Holy Spirit to those who come to Christ, and the promise of his indwelling presence in their lives.

John then points out the Trinity in verse 7. The Father naturally is God, the Lord is Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. But these three are not only in evidence in heaven, but upon earth as well as pointed out in verse 8. The Trinity works and operates together and not on different wave lengths. That God has said we should do is agreed upon by the teachings and preaching of Jesus Christ. And the Holy Spirit is operative in our lives to convict us of the things which we do which are contrary to God's will.

To further emphasize what he is saying John reminds us that if we are willing to believe what men have shown and proven, we should be willing to believe what God has shown because it is of greater importance for us, verse 9a. He also points out again that the proof of what God had done is shown in his Son Jesus Christ, verse 9b.

But here is the record we are to look at. First, if we believe in Jesus Christ it should be evident in some way in our lives, but if we do not believe, we make God out to be a liar for this is the record for all the world to see. And just what is the record? In verses 11 and 12 we see the record as being eternal life as given to us by the acceptance and belief in Jesus Christ. Here John points out the significance of the earthly life of Jesus Christ. It wasn't just to come and perform some feats of magic. Nor was it to feed some hungry people at lunch time. Nor was it to find fault with the Jewish leaders of his day. ~~None of these things entered into his ministry~~

all of these things entered into his ministry, but the real purpose for all of this was to make it possible for man to live eternally with God by overcoming sin, death and the grave.

Advent and Christmas should make us aware that God intervened into the world in a new and miraculous way. But we have difficulty getting excited about something as mundane and drab as a piece of history which took place over 2000 years ago. We are used to a picture on a screen and a voice speaking out, "The president of the United States has just been shot," as it happened in 1963. Or of other earth shattering news of some kind. But to merely think of God intervening into the life of the world in the form of a little baby is nothing very exciting, especially if we have heard it for 5, 10, 20, 30, or more years.

(Illustration of the re-painting of the angel)

And isn't this what God has done for us? He has taken us, dirt, snot and grime and all, and has given us the fresh white paint to cover the dirt, as well as the gold to brighten all of life. But he has done this through the simple expedient of a cute, tiny baby. Only God could do something as special as this in his own way and time.

This is for each of us. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." "Look at the record" and then know and believe that it had its beginning in the ~~xxxxxx~~ event we celebrate as Christmas. It was brought about by God for one purpose. That purpose was his complete love for you and me.

Christians I believe 1900- "The Living Word"

(mid age for business man travel Jeru & both a center  
m. most & very clear table - sat 4 men.

Great profession of Shaddan? nt? to reason not just sin.  
The old Gospel & many many furnish here

And great fantastic thing in Jeru? All say there  
too many, mispl preach thruout,olest,heal,raise etc  
too much of glory, but no blasphemy & of it

It was no & fear, believ Jeru  
I no thing, group 2 stop, just that we pose mystery, a  
prob if it will, a revolt, man bent on making name "self"  
we were told and said God etc, at curiosity arouse & I  
I can't take note

Never the ago that I asove as U mo, a good 3 an 2 crowd  
But can't feel crept in, cannot describe, but knew hap

Then word, some priest involv plot Parast, a trial  
Day 2 stop, I asove, arrest & take 14 priest

For day 14 I let, I insist of mob sentence 21 execute  
Yes, I there & on spring crowd, & could no say said this  
too little up by group ruffians prob hire by Ch priest

After day 7 I march & hill Golgotha 25 except & 20th  
I never lit this but with Romanin control Jeru seem  
I no had much interest & watch take away

But as day war on, I think head I seen again Rest at my  
thinking, seems now curious about this fellow

From 2, sky ahead blk, sudden lightn, thundr, earth  
I can't think now & involv all, but I think both  
me & I could no escape, I had 24 myself

I had 24 on hill & when once took throne, now only  
horrible poor little cluster tall some selves

As will pass sun? who star vacant at hill 2 cres  
cloudette again sky

Out of death, no 2 center cross, is dead, 6-8 feet & then  
mark plainly made by own hand my wood, my ident death

I horrify I supply wood another human kill on  
not only horror death, but unknown factor whether  
guilty or not, whether 3 of it.

Brief turn 2 day seven days later saw with Disciples  
at Jeru, 4 me, I accept as Messiah

But all this bring me 20 & even the 3 I no me, & no  
kno all

Preach hill that cross, son of a the carpenter I knew ver  
both work out of houses in Nazareth

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but what arouse curiosity is birth this man

In bet 40-50 yrs, women resistat Caesar Aug?

What event had 200 Zhorotown? I had 200 to death  
Will have event take place I know 20 bar this inn



So I recall it

When you saw my own donkey, she was sent out  
in stable

I supply only thing I had

During night she saw birth & we heard of angels & voices  
& wise men from East & all this was 21 sth in story  
in G plan

But as I well know Thaddeus, all this had little effect  
on us Orthodox Jews

I think I need determine at now what my mind at that time  
that my main purpose was 20

And I fetch like I let me go to stable

This is really kind of I do this Thaddeus

Now if my bunch is correct, if we'll at very bottom  
offer on manner; hold like little lower;

then Thaddeus, do it!

There is my mark showing I made this manner as well

This very manner that baby laid so many years ago

I think I had a part in his life, death,

its almost like I had seen all this 4 me

So Thaddeus I have our 21st sth in special then

all this & that is I love all mankind so much,

as will your search is only for me & I can relate

2, in that form he was will live, breathe, suffer.

21st on our shelf

This is certainly a fine remember.

(17) The said Jewish businessmen has traveled from Jerusalem to Hebron and entered an inn there).

businessmen to young boy cleaning off tables, (Don, who runs this place? Is old Maddeus still the proprietor? Well, well, that certainly is interesting. Where is he now? Would you mind doing me a favor and asking him to come out here for a minute? Just tell him someone wants to talk to him. Here's a coin for your trouble. Thank you. Well Maddeus, how is business? I realize how you must get irritated from the bother of the public all day, but surely you have a few moments to speak to an old friend. Please sit down for a minute. I don't recognize me do you. Would it help if I told you that many of the furnishings of this place were personally made by me? Yes it's me old Samuel. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I suppose you have heard by now of the fantastic events which have taken place in Jerusalem just recently? Well, Maddeus, let me tell you that what you have heard is not only true, but unless you hear it from an actual eyewitness, you are not going to get all the facts. Yes, I was and am an eyewitness otherwise I couldn't tell that statement to you. We need to go back a little while to get to the beginning of the case. For sometime now a simple son of a carpenter has been going throughout much of Palestine preaching. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ But not only did he preach, but he performed what many thought were feats of magic, and sleight of hand. He touched those who were lame, blind, without limbs and so on and miraculously they were healed. There are supposedly several incidents in which he was able to bring people back from the dead. Well, people were willing to accept all of this sleight of hand or sorcery which he did, but they certainly weren't going to stand still and let him claim to be the son of God. At least not we who are good and fearing and believing Jews. So Maddeus, I wasn't involved in any group that was out to stop him. I was merely one of the ones to whom he posed a mystery, a problem if you will. I saw him as merely a revolutionary. A man bent on asking a name for himself. But when it was told how he could do certain things, things which was the raising of the dead, my curiosity was aroused. So I began to find out of what was really he doing. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ As you well know, several weeks ago we celebrated the feast of the Passover and people began to crowd into Jerusalem as they always do but a curious feeling began to creep into the celebration. I can't describe it, except to say that it was like you knew something was going to happen and yet you couldn't put your finger on just what it was. Then I began to hear rumors that the temple priests were involved in a plot to have this preacher arrested and brought to trial before the Passover celebration. Well the day before the start of the Passover he came into town and while he was with his disciples outside of town he was arrested and taken before the high priest. The next day he was brought before Pilate and at the insistence of the mob was sentenced to be executed. Yes, I was there Maddeus, but I was on the fringe of the crowd. They were certainly an unruly bunch and I must truthfully say, I don't believe he received what could be called a fair trial. The people were being stirred up by a group of ruffians who were probably hired by the chief priest just for that purpose. But he was taken away and marched off to the hill they called Golgotha to be executed with two other prisoners. I never lived this type of thing, but with the means in control it has become a common event in Jerusalem and elsewhere. I didn't have much interest in this event and so I hung back from the rest and watched as they led him away to be executed. But as the day wore on and the things I had heard and seen began to eat at my thinking I became all the more curious about this fellow. Well, suddenly around 3:00 the sky which had turned absolutely black, gave forth with sudden lightning and thundering like I have ever heard. Not only that but we had an actual earthquake, which you have probably heard about. I began to think that perhaps God was really involved in this situation after all. But one thing began to work on my mind and I couldn't erase it from my thoughts. So in order to conquer my curiosity I just had to go up that hill and see something for myself. I made my way up the hill and where once was a teeming throng there was now only a few small handful of

And strangely enough I was able to see him as he walked with his disciples one day. So for me, Wednesday, you must know - have come to know him as the Messiah again. Amen.

My father then got to death on that even. I had finished at the age of 17 as a carpenter I knew when we both worked out of our homes in Lagaroth. I moved to Jerusalem shortly after he came upon the scene and I understand that my father ~~was~~ Joseph had died and he had taken over his father's business since he was the oldest son.

the thing I need to remember right now that will set my mind at rest and that  
was my main purpose in coming to see you. If you don't mind Thaddeus could  
you fetch a light and let me go out to your stable and look at something? Now  
if my hunch is correct if we look in the very bottom corner of this manger,  
hold the light a little lower; there, Thaddeus, do you see it? There is my  
mark showing that I fashioned this wooden manger and this is the very manner  
in which that baby was laid so many years ago. To think that I had a part in  
his birth, and in his death. It's almost like God had planned all of this for  
me. But you see Thaddeus, I have come to know something special through all of  
this and that is that God has loved all of mankind so much, that he was willing  
to come to earth in the only form we could relate to. And in that form he was  
willing to live, to minister, to suffer and to die on our behalf. This is  
certainly a time to remember.



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Butler, Pennsylvania  
First Sunday After Christmas December 31, 1978  
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist  
Brian Hollefreund and Lori Zavacky - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.  
Prelude: "I Sing The Mighty Power of God" Price  
\*Processional Hymn No. 123 "As With Gladness Men of Old"  
\*Ascription - Choral Amen  
\*Exhortation  
\*Confession (In Unison) "Eternal Father, teach us in  
the days of this year to discover the preciousness of  
time. Keep us from squandering our hours in senseless  
thought and useless activities. Help us through good  
books, clean conversation, and creative action to so  
number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom, and  
a life devoted to thy reconciling ministry in the  
world; through Jesus Christ. Amen."  
\*Kyrie  
\*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen  
\*Praise  
\*Pastor: O Lord open our lips  
\*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
\*Doxology  
Who's Who in the Pew  
Announcements  
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests  
Duet: "What Child Is This" Sung by Karen Maloney  
and Cyndie Sybert  
Call to Prayer  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.  
Pastor: Let us Pray.  
Prayer and Prayer Response  
Offering  
Offertory "Poem" Denton  
Anthem: "The Shepherd's Farewell" Berlioz  
Quartet - Nancy and Lloyd Link  
Karen and Don Kennedy  
Scripture: 1 John 5:13-21

Sermon: "Family Proverbs: 15 - Good Things Come To  
Those Who Wait"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*Processional Hymn No. 126 "Thou Didst Leave Thy  
Throne"

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude:

- - - - - \*Congregation Standing - - - - -  
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by  
Mrs. Tresa Nicholas in memory of Parents, Brother  
and Sister.

Serving as Ushers today are: \*Alvin Tait, Mike  
Nazaruk, Gottlob Kradel, Roy Andrews and James  
McClymonds.

Deacon and Mrs. William Thompson will be at the door  
this morning to greet the Congregation and Visitors.  
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Betty Carney  
and Mrs. Diane Hollefreund.

The attendance Dec. 10 - 187; Dec. 17 - 250; and  
Dec. 24 - 228.

The Chancel Choir will meet Wed. at 6:30 P.M.

The Council Meeting will be at 7:30 - Wed.

The Newsletter will be published Thursday - please  
have all material in by Wednesday.

This afternoon at 2:00 P.M. - All Council members  
and Head of all organizations in the Church are  
expected to be here. If you want a date set up for  
the year book - be here at 2:00 P.M.

Pennsylvanians for Human Life will sponsor a Bus Trip  
to the annual March for Life in Washington, D. C.  
on Jan. 22. Bus will leave Gaylord's in Butler at  
6 A.M. and will stop at Holy Sepulcher Church. Will  
return the same evening. Cost is \$15. per person,  
\$12. for second member of family. Call: De. DeSantis,  
283-1395 or G. Cararie, 898-2529.

ARC Class is going to hold a Hoagie Sale- Jan. 18th.  
Order blanks and more details Sunday - See Evelyn  
Dellen or Betty Carney.

Chuck Penar would like to thank the Congregation for  
the cards, prayers, flowers.- They were greatly  
appreciated.

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Bertha Hollefreund in the  
passing of her Mother this week.





he said he knew Jesus Christ was die . believ n 1 and  
know this  
+ wen sumt shar with me & understud,I hav clon bc  
meur deth nevr knew st  
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And knowiz so resem G promis no bak dwn on  
word hav in vs very import  
seen etern lif bgin wen person com 2 Xp  
most import doubt many peop hav is whether accept  
Xp or not  
nothin get uptite bout,but sumthin ever1 need 2  
settl if want spend etern with G  
Do I ask if I hav doubts this wk,bout I saved,  
or born ain,tak opportun 2 resolv in closin prayr  
Let us bow head & com 2 front in prayr  
I no ask Xpss but I aud but if hav doubts,of waly  
just pray words I pray & G can & wil giv I assur  
Givnes I etern with Him  
If do this & want Xpss with me,I can giv added  
...if want

family proverbs: 15- good things come to those who wait"

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3. Future: 1. 60% 5:15-21

(Comments about this being the last in this series of workbooks from the 1st letter of each. Anyone wishing to give their reactions to these, please do so).

There are three letters which are used in an altogether different context, but I would like to take the liberty of using them in a spiritual context for this morning. The letters are: O & A. In the spiritual realm they stand for two exact opposites, but if they can be attributed to the life of anyone, they can evoke feelings of inadequacy.

And before I share the spiritual meaning of those latter I would first like to ask a question. ~~I want you to raise your hands; individually each one of you~~ I cannot possibly come down into the congregation and ask each one of you individually the question, for that would consume much too much time. So for convenience sake, just imagine that I am just speaking to you. I intend that you are seated where you are, and the rest of this building is empty. Please do not respond by raising your hands, but ~~mentally answer the question.~~ mentally answer the question. The question is: Do you know that if you were to die today that you would go to heaven? I will repeat the question, "Do you know that if you were to die today, you would go to heaven?"

If you have answered "A" to the question then you are probably suffering from D.D. and I have prayed that before you leave this morning that will be cleared up. Many many people, and unfortunately many who are church members suffer from D.D. but have never found out what to do about it. So with these thoughts in mind, let us come to the Lord for guidance in prayer. (Prayer).

and created man in a special way. By this I mean that man is unique and different from all other creatures. Man we are told in the creation story has a soul. But there is one other thing which comes forth from the story of Adam and Eve. When we turn to the third chapter of Genesis we will see what this is.

In the first version we see that the content is taken in disguise. This doesn't mean that all angles are bad and we should hate them, it merely is the instrument through which Satan is working at this time. So he comes to us and he says

it is such as a war, that the powers by telling exactly what God has told them. It is when Satan plants something in her mind which sets her mind on a different wave length than God intended, vs 4. He plants a seed, and that seed is doubt. And to explain away the doubt he tells her that she will surely be like God and righteous. And thus we see for the first time in the history of man the reverse which has plagued mankind ever since. ~~was born~~.

(Illustration of boy drawing picture of God driving Adam and Eve out of Eden) It was sin that drove them out, but it was doubt which brought about that sin. And the rest of the Bible and you will see time after time that doubt always played an important role in the events.

It was doubt which caused the Israelites to get into trouble in the wilderness. First they doubted they would have food, then water. Then they doubted that the land was good enough for them. They doubted that Moses would come down from the mount, and so they made a calf. This went on continuously in their history. But along with the doubts, God kept sending them one by one. For this is God's assurance. He provided miracles of all kinds to overcome the doubts. And now we can see that even in our lives in today's world there are constantly doubts which bother us. So for anyone, and especially those who wish to be Christians, one of the biggest stumbling blocks in our path is the doubt of assurance. He used to be assured of the things which should be kept as a secret, but our very nature cries out with doubt.

Let us need to recognize first of all is that Satan is constantly using doubt to turn us from God. When he plants those seeds which make us question the very basis of our faith, then he is performing his job properly. It is when we come to know assurance that we begin to overthrow Satan's plan of attack. I am sure that if I were to ask the question if all of us have had doubts of assurance, the answer would be a unanimous Yes. But there is one large assurance we all should have which can help us to overcome one very large doubt. On Christmas day someone said to me that there was never any good news anymore, it was all bad news. I replied that there was good news for that very day. He inquired what it was and I informed him that it was the birth-day of Jesus Christ.



is assumed that it was not the actual day. I conceded that was true, but that we certainly did in that year, because then and there should be the source of our fear and dread. This example in itself is one of the ways we used by Satan to turn people from the truth. We get then arguing about what day Jesus was actually born, and soon we are disputing that this Bible story is literally true and the first thing we know we are throwing this out of the Bible, and throwing that out. Very soon we have little or nothing left, and we have a cult like Jim Jones concocted in San Francisco and South America.

But John gives us the assurance we need in this final portion of his 1st letter. And what is it that causes the biggest problem for many who are believers? It is the unanswered question they have asked perhaps for many years, which has never been answered to their satisfaction.

(Illustration of man building house and cheating self, "I must live in house")

This is a problem for some of us. We have lived in the house we have built for many years, and we have cheated in the building of it because we have not been as zealous ~~enough~~ for the ~~things~~ things of the Lord, than we have for the thing of ourselves.

So how do we rectify this situation? We begin right where we are, today, and we determine that we are going to change the old pattern we have developed, and develop a new pattern. The first thing we seek is knowledge of what God wants every believer to know. This is a part of what John is pointing out in this portion of scripture. He points out 5 "knows" for us. Verse 13, knowledge of the eternal life; verse 15, knowledge of answered prayer; verse 16, the new nature; verse 18, knowledge of our Father; and verse 20, knowledge of God revealed in Christ. This last is the incarnation, or God in the flesh which is what our Advent and Christmas celebrations are all about. But all of this and more is revealed through God's word, the Bible. To simply say I can't understand the Bible and put it down without refusing to read it and understand it is like trying to operate a piece of machinery without reading the preliminary instructions first. In this day and age of new and easier to read Bibles, everyone who calls himself a believer should be reading at least a small portion of it daily.

But the second part that may have bothered you for some time perhaps involves going to heaven. The old negro once said, "verybody says they wants to git to heaven, but no one wants to die to go there." This is true for many people because they simply do not understand how God has arranged this. Before I knew what this was all about I used to think you like Billy Graham were pretty presumptuous to get up in front of an audience and say, "I know when I die I am going to heaven." This disturbed me because I believed that this was something no one could really know. But it wasn't until someone shared this with me that I understood it, and it has given me a calm about death I never had before. The answer is found in God's Word and it is so simple a child can understand it. We read it as Scripture this morning. For those of you who have doubts about going to heaven to be with the Lord, take heart and read 1 John 5:11. It says, "He that has the Son has life everlasting." So you can remember that this is one of God's promises which we will not back down on.

The little word "have" in that verse is very important. It seems that eternal life begins the moment a person comes to Christ. But the most important thing and one which bothers so many people is that they do not know whether they have accepted Christ as their Saviour or not. This is nothing to get uptight about, but it is something which all of us need to settle if we want to spend eternity with the Lord. So I would ask you this morning if you have any doubts about being "saved," or being "born again," that you take this opportunity to resolve that issue in our closing prayer. Let us all bow our heads and in those moments of silence come to God in prayer. I will not ask you to pray out loud, but if you have any doubts about your salvation, just pray the words I will pray and God can, and will give you the assurance of forgiveness of sins, and eternity with him.

(prayer)











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## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

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I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.



# STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

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I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.